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ARIANA BOWS OUT OF PUBLIC LIFE AFTER UK SHOWS

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DESPITE PM'S REVIEW..

COP KILLERS WILL GO FREE

'Disgusting' says widow of PC Harper

By RYAN SABEY and PAUL SIMS

FURY erupted last night as it emerged two killers of hero PC Andrew Harper WILL still get early release.

Soft-justice plans to free Albert Bowers and Jessie Cole halfway through 13-year jail terms were paused last month.

But following a review, there will be no change to manslaughter cases, which means the two thugs could be out in months.

Widow Lissie Harper said: "This is disgusting. I'm beyond appalled

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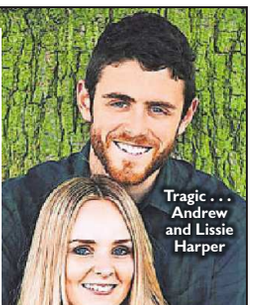

Tragic . . . Andrew and Lissie Harper

JAIL TERM REVIEW OUTRAGE

JUSTICE? THIS IS UTTER BETRAYAL

Widow's fury at early release

By RYAN SABEY and PAUL SIMS

HERO cop Andrew Harper's widow has accused the Government of "utter betrayal" over the early release of two of his killers.

PM Andy Burnham had raised hopes that plans to let Albert Bowers and Jessie Cole go free after half their sentences would be halted when he ordered a "pause" last month.

But his review of soft-justice rules introduced by Sir Keir Starmer will make no change to cases of manslaughter.

Only rape, serious child sex and other grooming offences will be affected.

Furious Lissie Harper, 35, said: "What abhorrent message does this send? How dare ministers say the killing of a police officer isn't enough of a 'sickening crime' that deserves the stiffest of punishments.

"Andrew's killers have shown no remorse. To release them early from their already pitiful sentences is an affront to justice.

"The Government and justice system have not just let me down, they have added insult to injury. This is an utter betrayal, one I will not be able to forgive or forget."

Walking free . . . prisoner

In 2019 PC Harper, 28, was fatally dragged by a car driven by Henry Long, 18, as it towed a stolen quad bike. Long, Bowers and Cole, then 17, were found guilty of manslaughter. The younger pair got 13 years' jail, Long got 16 and will stay in prison.

Mr Burnham, who today takes a holiday after two weeks in No10, launched an urgent review of Sir Keir's plan which aimed to ease pressure on packed jails. Early releases will begin in October.

Mr Burnham said: "I wanted to go even further as I know there will still be concerns about other offenders having their sentence shortened.

"But it's not possible without the prison system reaching capacity and collapsing." He has also asked Justice Secretary Alex Norris to consider early release for more female prisoners due to their "lower risk".

There will be an extra 14,000 new prison places by 2031 with the fastest prison building programme since the Victorian era.

Beefed-up community monitoring will help probation staff track movements and see random drug testing for 1,000 offenders every month. The number of regions using chemical suppression to manage sexual offending will be doubled.

Tory leader Kemi Badenoch condemned the PM's move, which adds to the 70,000 who have been released early under various Labour schemes.

She said: "Andy Burnham wants a round of applause for agreeing not to release rapists and child sex offenders.

"He's not getting one. Killers, violent offenders, men who have terrorised their partners and more will all still walk out of prison in October." Reform's Zia Yusuf said: "This will still result in dangerous and violent offenders being let loose."

70,000 lags walking free so far under Labour early release schemes

Married four weeks . . . PC Harper and wife Lissie

DISGUST

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and bristling with anger to hear Andrew's killers are soon to be free. The level of disrespect the Government are showing to Andrew and other victims, and their loved ones such as me, is beyond contempt."

PM Andy Burnham is only tightening the rules on the early release of rape, serious child sex and other grooming offenders.

He said he wanted to "go even further" but the prison system would collapse.

Blast . . . at resort

'Ukraine killed 7' at beach

By ROBIN PERRIE

RUSSIA said seven people, including three children, were killed and 40 injured at a resort in what it claimed was a deliberate Ukrainian attack on civilians.

There was no immediate comment from Ukraine, which, like Russia, says it does not target civilian populations.

Social media videos, verified by Reuters, showed what appears to be a drone slamming into a busy beach area near the Black Sea holiday town of Gelendzhik.

Veniamin Kondratyev, the governor of Russia's southern Krasnodar region, said: "What happened today was a deliberate attack by the Kyiv regime on the civilian population, which has no connection whatsoever to military infrastructure."

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MP's call on Diane

A LABOUR MP has demanded that Prime Minister Andy Burnham should deny Diane Abbott the party whip.

Sam Rushworth, MP for Bishop Auckland, hit out at Ms Abbott for calling Ukraine's defence of its territory a "Nato campaign against Russia".

He said the Labour veteran, back after a year's suspension, had been a trailblazer for women.

But he attacked her comments on Ukraine as "unacceptable". Labour declined to comment.

ECO FOOLS FURY

A CABINET minister has been accused of "taking the public for fools" by denying that green levies push up household energy bills.

Energy Secretary Miatta Fahnbulleh said she did not accept that Net Zero policies increased costs.

She added: "The challenge we have as a Government is that investment in UK infrastructure was not put in for a decade and a half."

But Tory Shadow Energy Secretary Claire Coutinho said: "Andy Burnham's new Energy Secretary is taking the public for fools.

"Labour promised to cut bills by £300 but they've gone up by £300."

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A.I. HELPS SPOT ALZ EARLIER

ALZHEIMER'S can be spotted earlier using an AI model trained on brain scans, researchers say.

It found accelerated ageing in specific brain areas known to be affected early. US prof Andrei Irimia said: "We're moving towards a much more precise understanding."

NIGEL PACT HINT

NIGEL Farage has thrown open the door to an electoral pact with Rupert Lowe.

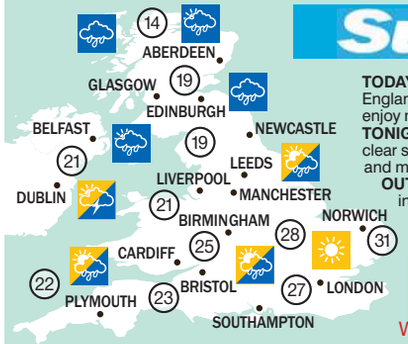
The Reform leader said he was mindful Lowe's Restore Britain risked splitting the right-wing vote and costing his party dozens of seats.

Lowe offered the Reform leader an olive branch on Sunday morning, suggesting he was prepared to form a "patriotic" alliance.

At a press conference, Farage said: "I have responded to it potentially, with an open mind."

But he claimed he was ignored by Lowe after trying to arrange a call. Lowe said Farage promised to ring him at 10.30pm on Sunday.

Sun WEATHER



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TONIGHT: Partly cloudy in southern England, with clear skies in the north-west. Fair conditions in the east and midlands. Light south-westerly winds.

OUTLOOK: Wednesday sees mostly sunny spells in southern England, turning cloudy in the north. Thursday brings cooler, cloudy conditions across central regions.

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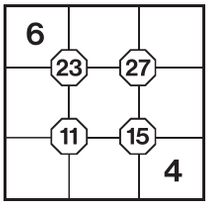

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

FORMER US President **BARACK OBAMA, 65**, *left*, comedian **LEE MACK, 58, MEGHAN MARKLE, 45**, actors **BILLY BOB THORNTON, 71**, and Barbie's **GRETA GERWIG, 43**, *right*, and former Love Islander **AMBER GILL, 29**.

●**Last night's Health Lottery numbers: 3, 13, 18, 19, 39. Bonus ball: 49.**

STAR'S HEADLINE SLOT SNUB

Olivia won't play the field with Harry

'NO' TO GLASTO WITH EX

Picture: GETTY

Styles swerve . . . Olivia, and Harry, right. Glasto Pyramid Stage, main photo

Hit . . . Olivia with Sam

CHART star Olivia Dean has turned down the chance to headline Glastonbury — where Harry Styles is topping the bill.

The singer – currently at No1 in the UK with Sam Fender – was offered the opportunity for next year.

She was romantically linked to the former One Direction star two years ago, although they always denied they dated. Now

EXCLUSIVE by HOWELL DAVIES

Olivia is said to be opting to work on new music in 2027 instead and hopes to perform at the music festival in 2028.

Those close to the singer insist her decision not to perform has nothing to do with Harry.

An insider said: "Olivia's team had conversations with Glastonbury about headlining in 2027 and she was extremely flattered.

"But after some reflection, she said she wants to take some time to work on new music next year, with a rough plan to return when her third album is ready.

"Of course, if she did it next year, her name would be right next to Harry's and she just wants to move on from that now.

"She's happy for him to have his moment, but she doesn't feel like next year is hers."

The Sun previously told how Harry, 32, is locked in to be one of the headliners when the event returns next June.

Olivia, 27 and now dating her drummer Eddie Burns, has appeared there for the past three years. She played the festival's smaller venues in 2023 before being promoted to an early afternoon slot on the Pyramid Stage in 2024, then a secret set at the Strummerville stage last summer.

Since then, Olivia's The Art Of Loving has become the highest-selling album of 2026 in the UK and she played six sold-out shows at London's O2 Arena.

On Friday, her Rein Me In collaboration with Sam became the longest-running No1 in UK chart history, with 19 weeks at the top.

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"These days, even the least bright can use a phone to cheat their way in exams. But not many PPE students at Balliol can fix a toilet. Which is why schools should **encourage** trades"

CLEMMIE Moodie

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STAR TO QUIT PUBLIC LIFE

Terror blast . . . aftermath of 2017 Manchester gig attack

Blockbuster . . . with Cynthia Erivo at a Wicked premiere

EXCLUSIVE by
ELLIE HENMAN
Bizarre Editor

10 BIG GIGS ..THEN SINGER WILL VANISH

POP star Ariana Grande is to vanish from public life to shut down speculation over her health — but insists her ten London shows will go ahead first.

The US singer – diagnosed with PTSD from the terror attack at her Manchester concert in 2017 – has pulled out of a West End play.

And she will not appear on the red carpet with Robert De Niro and her other co-stars to promote their new movie Focker-in-Law.

But an insider said ahead of her sold-out O2 shows: "This tour is her last gift for fans. She wants to finish this tour."

The three-time Grammy winner's decision to step back comes amid speculation and comments over her appearance, with one online activist claiming the singer was "possibly dying right in front of us".

In an angry riposte, Ariana's representatives laid the blame for her departure from public life at the door of "endless, ongoing public scrutiny".

Ariana has been performing across North America since June on her 41-date Eternal Sunshine Tour, which concludes after her London shows between August 15 and September 1

In a statement, her reps said: "Ariana will be taking a step back from visibility after she completes the Eternal Sunshine Tour.

"She looks forward to finishing the tour and ending it on a high note, both healthily and happily, and then taking a much-deserved break from public-facing work and appearances, which has led to endless, ongoing public scrutiny.

"This tour has been a beautiful experience for her. She loves her fans and has loved every minute of this tour so much."

Ariana has cancelled her role in a West End revival of Sunday in The Park With George next summer. The stage show at the Barbican in London, will now be re-cast.

She was due to appear in the musical alongside her Wicked co-star Jonathan Bailey.

Those behind the production said: "We can confirm she has decided to step back from Sunday in the Park with George.

"We know this cannot have been an easy decision, and she makes it with our complete understanding and support."

Insiders told The Sun she would not appear on any red carpets for the fourth instalment in the Fockers film series later this year.

Sources also said new album Petal, on course to become her sixth consecutive No1 record on Friday, was inspired by her "love-hate relationship with the public and their toxicity" when it comes to scrutinising her appearance. On new song Like I Do, Ariana appears to hark back to 2023 when fans put photographs of her online and made comparisons about the size of her body.

At the time, she begged people to stop speculating about her weight and said: "The body that you've been comparing my current body to was the unhealthiest version of my body. I was on a lot of anti-depressants and drinking on them and eating poorly. [I was] at the lowest point of my life when I looked the way..."

And on Like I Do, she sings: "I'm making cents off of your nonsense, all that s**t talk keeps me well-fed. Through thick and thin, you're so locked in. You hate to love me."

Ariana's determination to push back continues on Petal, for which the music video led to fans calling upon her to seek professional help because of her weight.

On the track she is heard singing: "This is not a cry for help. A couple million for my thoughts, I've got plenty. But I am not the victim. B***h, I'm practically drowning in my blessings."

Those close to Ariana said she was sick of being judged online. A source told The Sun: "Social media is like an uncontrollable fire when it comes to scrutinising Ariana and what she looks like.

"She has no control over that but it feels toxic.

"By stepping away from the public eye, she can carve out a life she wants to live without being judged by people who don't know anything about her." Ariana has been vocal about the affect comments about her body have had on her.

In 2024, she became emotional during the press tour for Hollywood blockbuster Wicked – in which she appeared as Glinda the Good Witch – as she discussed how it felt when people dissected her body image.

Ariana said she felt like she was "a specimen in a petri dish," and that it had been that way since she was a teenager finding fame on American TV.

She added: "I have heard every form of what is wrong with me. And then you fix it and then it is wrong for different reasons.

"It is hard to protect yourself from that noise. I think that it's

Last chance . . . Ariana's London shows

PULLS OUT OF WEST END MUSICAL TOO

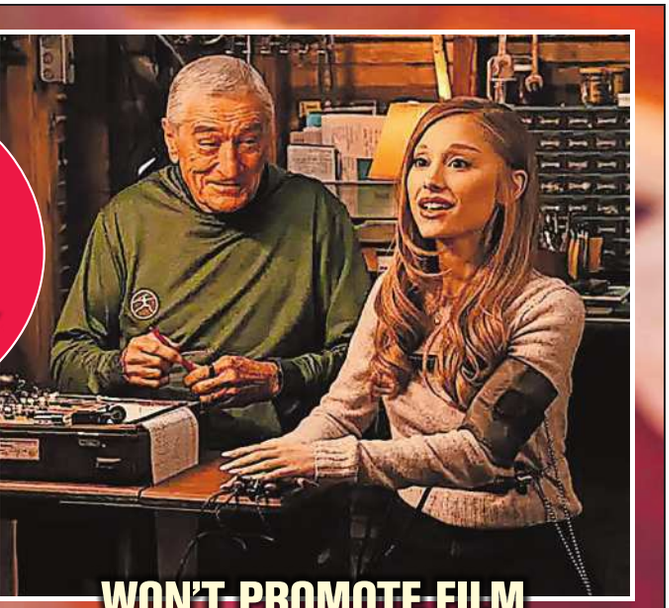
Speculation . . . Ariana's appearance has come under endless scrutiny

AMID FEARS FOR HEALTH

WON'T STAR IN MUSICAL

She quit London show that will star Bailey, with her in Wicked, above

She looks forward to ending tour on a high note, healthily and happily



WON'T PROMOTE FILM

With De Niro in Focker-in-Law movie. Left, cover of her new album Petal

Ariana's UK shows `a last gift to fans'

something that is uncomfortable no matter what scale you're experiencing it on.

"From what you are wearing, to your body, to your face, to your everything – there is a comfortability that people have commenting on that, that I think is really dangerous. I think it is dangerous for all parties involved."

Those close to her said the effect on her mental health had been amplified by the Manchester terror attack in 2017, which led to her being diagnosed with PTSD.

She had just left the stage when suicide bomber Salman Abedi detonated a home-made device at the concert and killed 22 people, many of them children

The following year, Ariana's ex-partner, Mac Miller, died of a drug overdose.

Speaking in 2019, two years after the terror attack, she said: "It's hard to talk about because so many people have suffered such severe, tremendous loss. But it's a real thing.

"I feel like I shouldn't even be talking about my own experience – like I shouldn't even say anything. I don't think I'll ever know how to talk about it and not cry."

The effects of that fateful day have not subsided, insiders explained, pointing to her last live tour, Sweetener, in 2019, where she suffered from panic attacks while on the road.

The stress saw her cancelling meet and greets with fans during the run of shows in Europe.

Before the statement about her removing herself from the spotlight, Ariana again used her music to offer a string of clues.

For album track Oh Well her lyrics included: "This is the beginning of the end. I feel it, just don't know what to say."

And on Freak she continues: "Someday, all the seeds will open, all of the life I've been denied of will bloom all around, unfrozen

"Wake me when all this s**t is over."

Ariana was last night due to play the first of her final three US shows in Chicago.

She shared a video online of her performing on her Eternal Sunshine tour with the caption: "See you tonight Chicago." A source told The Sun: "She is performing to rave reviews each night and is really enjoying herself, no matter what people are writing on TikTok and Instagram. Her decision to step away is her own and she's doing it at the right time for her."

Those close to her said she wanted to bow out in London on a high. The insider added: "Being repeatedly dragged down for her appearance is not what she wants, or needs. This tour is her last gift for fans. Once it's over, she will be totally stepping away."

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DUMB & DUMBER

Tories blast Govt's plan to make schools 'easier'

Under fire . . . Powell

LABOUR wants to dumb down classrooms while refusing to take the blame for the youth jobless crisis, Tories say.

By RYAN SABEY
Deputy Political Editor

Education Secretary Lucy Powell was criticised for saying the "one-size-fits-all" approach to learning has led to a million UK youngsters not being in training or in work.

She was attacked for taking a "fresh look" at what children were being taught as she tried to walk back reforms by Michael Gove, who ran her department in the 2010-14 coalition years.

Ministers are considering curriculum changes so teenagers take fewer GCSEs to stop them becoming stressed. Ms Powell says schools have been stuck in a straitjacket of prioritising academic subjects for pupils.

She said: "We can no longer ignore that too many get left behind or are turned off by an education system that's become too single-minded."

She went on: "One million. That's how many young people from the education system Michael Gove presided over who are now left outside education, not in employment and not training." But Laura Trott, the Tories' Shadow Education Secretary, said: "Labour is using education as a smokescreen for its failures on tax and welfare. Labour is ignoring both recent history and the evidence."

Tory peer Baroness Spielman, former head of schools watchdog Ofsted, said Ms Powell is trying to "deflect responsibility" from tax and minimum wage rises which have reduced job prospects for youngsters.

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It's a fail, Labour

By LAURA TROTT
Shadow Education Secretary

IT is extraordinary to blame academic standards for the rise in youth unemployment that has occurred on Labour's watch.

Steering pupils to vocational GCSEs at 14 is too early. It is not the solution to youth unemployment. We have tried this before. It just led to poorer outcomes, particularly for disadvantaged children.

All Labour do when in government is dumb down standards.

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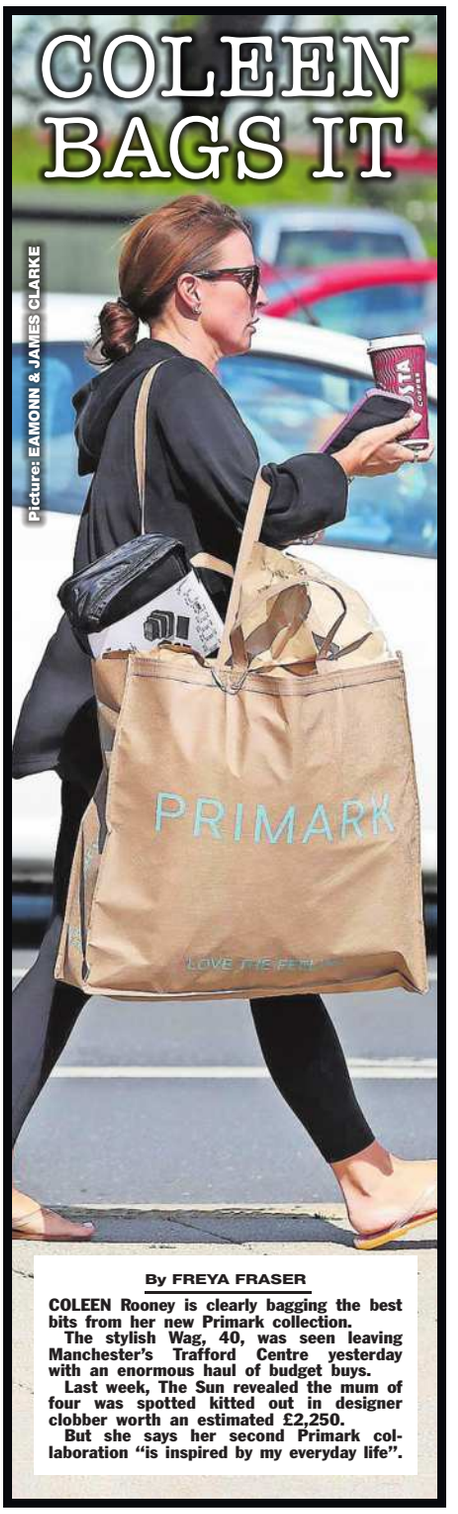

By FREYA FRASER

COLEEN Rooney is clearly bagging the best bits from her new Primark collection.

The stylish Wag, 40, was seen leaving Manchester's Trafford Centre yesterday with an enormous haul of budget buys.

Last week, The Sun revealed the mum of four was spotted kitted out in designer clobber worth an estimated £2,250.

But she says her second Primark collaboration "is inspired by my everyday life".

Axed attack . . . Trump

US ready for talks with Iran

By PAUL SIMS

PEACE talks between the US and Iran were due to take place yesterday after Donald Trump axed a planned bombing raid.

The US President said negotiations would resume in a bid to bring the now five-month war to an end.

But the rogue regime denied discussions were taking place and said it was only in talks with Oman on the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz.

Speaking on Air Force One, Mr Trump said: "They knew the extent of the attack because they saw it forming.

"We're talking to them. Negotiations begin on Monday afternoon."

He added: "We were all set to go. It would have been a massive attack.

"But when allies ask to call it off, you got to sort of say, well, let's see."

Mr Trump is under growing domestic pressure to end the war and is said to be desperately seeking an off-ramp.

Car ram 'stupidity'

A DEBT-hit driver collided with a police car 31 times while speeding in an attempt to avoid paying off his car.

Nathan Owen called 999 and falsely claimed his Jaguar I-Pace would not brake, a court heard.

After speeding on the M58, M57 and M62, he was stopped near Warrington, Cheshire, in 2024.

Owen admitted fraud and dangerous driving and got four years' jail at Liverpool crown court.

Daniel Travers, defending, described his actions as "frighteningly stupid".

TV SPIN-OFF

The son of late Aussie cricket spin legend Shane Warne – 27-year-old Jackson – has landed a Sky Sports reporting job.

FAMILY FEUD: SO NEAR BUT SO FAR

SAINT-TROPEZ: THURS 30TH

Brooklyn, Elijah and Nicola go for ice cream

SAINT-TROPEZ: SAT 1ST

Victoria and Sir David in same area

Picture: BACKGRID

MISS YOU WERE HERE

Beckhams in same hols spot as Brooklyn 2 days apart

Becks . . . hugs Jordan, inset

BROOKLYN Beckham narrowly avoided bumping into parents Sir David and Victoria as their paths came close to crossing in the South of France.

The 27-year-old was photographed in St Tropez eating ice cream and going into a shop.

Only 48 hours later, Posh and Becks were snapped strolling just a five-minute walk from where their son had been with wife Nicola Peltz, 31. It is the nearest to a meeting the feuding family have had since Brooklyn blew open their row with an Instagram statement in January.

By HOWELL DAVIES

Sir David, 51, and Victoria, 52, are on a family holiday with their son Romeo, 23, in the Med on their £16million luxury boat.

The couple have also dined with basketball great Michael Jordan.

Brooklyn and his wife are with his godfather, Sir Elton John, on the pop superstar's yacht, with Elton's husband David Furnish.

They were seen buying ice cream during their day out, seemingly unaware that his family were on a trip to the same area. Brooklyn and Nic have not been photographed with his parents since Christmas 2024, with their feud showing no signs of ending.

During the trip, Nicola also showed off a new tattoo, after Brooklyn had his inkings dedicated to his family removed.

She has added an ankle tattoo of "Elijah", which means "The Lord is my God", but is also the name of Elton's 13-year-old second son, who was with them on the ice cream trip.

Sir Elton has remained close to Brooklyn, despite the Beckhams' feud, and is said to be trying to act as a peacemaker.

Despite living nearby in Los Angeles, the Beckhams' eldest son missed his dad's induction into the Hollywood Walk of Fame in June. Sir David later shut down a question about his relationship with his son during an interview with Variety.

He said: "To be honest, I'm sorry to stop you there, but that's a private matter.

"That's the one thing that I don't want to talk about."

However, in the same month, Brooklyn took part in an advert for food-delivery company DoorDash in which he poked fun at the vicious fallout.

In the clip – a tie-in with the World Cup, which his dad attended – he said: "You're probably wondering why I'm watching the Fifa World Cup 2026 from home. It's a long story."

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NEW MATERIAL GIRLS

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REFORM PLAN TO BRING IN

Off on hols . . . PM Burnham

● Farage says he would use the Navy to stop Channel migrants

● Ugly scenes as Spanish cops round up illegal border crossers

● But Burnham goes on holiday after just TWO weeks in No10

CRISIS? WHAT CRISIS?

Chaos . . . officers tackle invading migrants in Ceuta

By TOM SCOTSON and RYAN SABEY

A HUGE row erupted yesterday over the best way to tackle the small boats crisis — as new PM Andy Burnham slipped away on holiday.

Reform UK traded blows with the French and the Tories over its plans for the biggest military operation since World War Two to stop Channel crossings.

France reacted angrily, while the Tories insisted Mr Farage's idea to deploy the Royal Marines was not properly funded nor worked out.

But, despite there being 2,000 small boat arrivals since he became PM just two weeks ago, Mr Burnham stepped away.

He is taking a break from his day-to-day duties to spend time with his family from today.

No10 has not said where Mr Burnham is going for his break, but Reform said it showed he was not a PM who was "serious about leading".

Mr Farage's party, which has been dogged by funding rows in recent weeks, tried to get back on the front foot on migration.

The Reform leader insisted his controversial return and rescue plans would mean "no more boats" heading to Britain within a fortnight if he won power.

But France hit back, saying any such moves would violate its sovereignty and international law.

Mr Farage's intervention came as a YouGov survey found that only 13 per cent of Britons think French authorities are making a genuine effort to help stop migrants, while 62 per cent say they are not.

Reform made its Operation Fortress proposals after figures showed 14,000 migrants have crossed this year, including 2,000 since Mr Burnham came to power.

Mr Farage said: "Under a Reform government, within a fortnight, there would be no more boats.

"And, whilst this issue may not be uppermost in the minds of many in Westminster, I can tell you out in the country it is.

"And that comes down to a simple point – fairness. What is fair, what is right, what is wrong."

He added: "If the Royal Navy is not there to protect this country from invasion, then, frankly, I can't see what its purpose is."

But a spokesperson for the French interior ministry said: "This would be a violation of French sovereignty as well as a violation of maritime and international law.

"Separately, as part of the measures put in place with the UK and the arrangements deployed at local level, the interior ministry states that the number of crossings is down in 2026."

Royal Marines idea . . . Farage

The illegal migration debate has become a major international concern in recent days, as more than 60,000 Moroccan migrants invaded the Spanish North African territory of Ceuta in a single day.

More than 200,000 migrants have landed on Britain's shores over the past eight years.

Britain is giving £1billion to France to help reduce Channel crossings by paying for more officers to patrol the beaches as well as for more drones and helicopters.

Mr Farage compared his proposals to ex-Australian PM Tony Abbott's in 2013, when he clamped down on border crossings and pulled illegal migrants back to Indonesia. The Reform leader said his plans complied with international laws and were humane.

Mr Farage warned many of the small boat migrants "wish us harm or do us harm".

He also complained that the European Convention on Human Rights was preventing deporting such people and reaffirmed his party's commitment to leaving it.

He said: "Operation Fortress will be a combined military operation.

"It will save lives, it will help the French in fulfilling their job of stopping the boats and it will save a huge amount of money.

"We are very confident that our policy of securely picking people up and safely taking them back to France falls within other conventions of international law."

Mr Farage said there were "very big upsides" to co-operating with the Reform plan, saying "life is now hell" for many in France affected by the migrant route.

He said: "People stay locked in their houses, you can't resell a house, there's crime, there's litter, there's vandalism, there's gang vio-

MILITARY TRIGGERS ROW

Picture: PEDRO NUNES / REUTERS

CLASHES IN CEUTA

By TOM SCOTSON

MOROCCAN migrants clashed with police as officers tried to boot them out of the Spanish enclave of Ceuta in North Africa.

A mob screamed "Allahu Akbar" — meaning "God is great" — while holding an injured man who they claimed was beaten by police.

Video footage showed scores of men raising their fists in anger, before they hauled him away from police in a blanket.

The flashpoint happened in the wake of a major migration crisis for Spain.

It saw 60,000 migrants swim around the border fence between Morocco and the city of Ceuta, which is a Spanish enclave.

Ceuta and Melilla, another Spanish city, have the European Union's only land border with Africa, which makes them highly attractive to migrants.

Analysts have said that Morocco may have allowed migrants to cross the border to put diplomatic pressure on Spain.

Tough . . . cop wields baton and shield

lence, there are stabbings, there are shootings.

"Dealing with this problem would be a great, great relief to the people of northern France."

But Chris Philp, Tory Shadow Home Secretary, said: "Reform UK have no detailed plan nor funding to back up their latest gimmick.

"They can't explain how they will properly fund the military and how they would disembark illegal immigrants in France without French co-operation."

Mr Burnham offered no specific plan to bring back control of Britain's borders during a visit to Dover on Sunday. Downing Street claimed that when the Navy was deployed in 2022, there was no reduction in small boat crossings.

It added: "The Royal Navy is already tackling many threats, including monitoring any Russian warships operating near our shores, protecting our waters and our critical national infrastructure."

Labour says illegal crossings are down by almost 50 per cent from last year. It added that almost 60 per cent of attempted crossings have been stopped since this Government came to power. But hostile actors including the Iranians are continuing to exploit this method of UK entry and use it as a way of funnelling extremists here, recent reports suggest.

Meanwhile, Energy Secretary Miatta Fahnbulleh told LBC Radio that safe and legal routes to deal with the migrant crisis would be opened later this year.

It is understood the PM will stay in direct contact with officials during his break. He is to return to a summer tour of the UK towards the end of August.

> Operation Fortress will save lives and help the French do their job of stopping the boats
>
> — NIGEL FARAGE YESTERDAY

THE Sun SAYS

Loopy Lucy

IF Westminster gossip is to be believed, Lucy Powell was Andy Burnham's THIRD choice to be Education Secretary.

The new PM may already regret not having a fourth option.

Powell's claim that ex-Tory minister Michael Gove's drive to raise academic standards in schools contributed to more than one million young people being out of work or training is as dangerous as it is patently wrong.

The Sun has argued for years that there needs to be better apprenticeship opportunities for kids, especially with AI radically changing the world of work.

But that **CANNOT** come at the expense of dropping standards and abandoning any ambition to give **ALL** pupils the best possible chances in life.

Not only is there **NO** evidence for Powell's claims that Gove is responsible for leaving teenagers on the jobs scrapheap.

But in Wales and Scotland – where Labour and SNP-led governments refused to follow his methods, which later made English classrooms world leaders in maths and science – youth unemployment is **HIGHER**.

Labour's catastrophic tax rises on business have done the real damage to young people's prospects.

Allowing a ballooning of mental health benefits claims has only made that worse. Powell's depressing diatribe is rooted solely in her tribal hatred of Tories rather than educational fact.

Our kids will pay a high price for her wilful moronism.

Zero clue

ANDY Burnham says he "cannot ignore" the impact of Labour's Net Zero policies on the cost of living.

So why is new Energy Secretary Miatta Fahnbulleh insisting that green levies don't increase bills for households, when they so obviously do?

Fanatical Fahnbulleh, a disciple of Ed Miliband, yesterday also downplayed the prospects of significant new drilling in the North Sea.

The lack of honesty over the estimated £40billion a year cost of Net Zero has been staggering.

It seems there's also not much chance of a straight answer about what, if anything, the Government is going to do about it.

Liddle giant

ROD Liddle knew what Sun readers' lives were like – and they loved him for it.

Proud of his working class roots and his country, Rod wasn't afraid of laying bare the hypocrisy of left-wingers spouting concern for ordinary folk while being firmly part of the Establishment.

Funny, fearless and staunchly committed to a free Press, no topic was off limits – he knew exactly what he thought, and did not hold back.

One of a kind and one of our own, he will be sorely missed.

CEUTA BORDER FAIL A WAKE-UP CALL

SEIZED . . . Spanish forces remove a migrant who crossed the border into Ceuta

If Spain can get tough and send back illegal migrants, then why can't we?

By **ROSS CLARK**

HOW many times have government ministers told us that, no, we can't possibly return illegal migrants to France?

It is against our international legal obligations, apparently, and would breach the migrants' human rights – even though it is plain they have arrived via a safe country.

How come, then, Spain has just managed to repatriate the vast majority of the 60,000 migrants who last week rushed the border between Morocco and Spain's North African outpost, Ceuta?

True, the mass breach of border security doesn't give much credit to the Spanish authorities.

But they quickly put their failures right. The migrants were simply put on buses and driven back across the border.

It is all the more remarkable given that Spain has a left-wing government, which has championed high levels of migration.

More than a million illegal migrants have taken advantage of a recent amnesty.

Some of them are reported to have been smuggled out of Britain in lorries, reversing the usual flow.

Sob stories

Batting away criticism of his soft migration policies, Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said earlier this year: "Throughout history, migration has been one of the great drivers of national development, while hatred and xenophobia have been the greatest destroyers."

Yet 60,000 arrivals in two days proved to be too much even for him.

Never mind what sob stories they had prepared for interviews with migration officials, the illegals were back on Moroccan soil before they could say "Buenos dias".

When asked why Britain can't just do the same, Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood tried to tell us that it was all very different because Ceuta was "unique" and it was a land border, so not comparable with the Channel. But why should that make a difference? We have plenty of ferries and trains passing between Britain and France. I am sure they have some spare seats.

If judges' interpretation of the European Convention on Human Rights says we can't do it, then change the law and make it plain that the defence of our borders comes first, above the rights of illegal migrants.

And no, don't try the line, "but they're all desperate", on me. Unless you are fleeing from Emmanuel Macron's government (which, in spite of its inadequacies, cannot be accused of murdering dissidents) then you have no business crossing the Channel to claim asylum here.

International agreements on asylum and refugees make it clear that if you are fleeing for your life then you claim asylum in the first safe country you reach.

You don't shop around for another country where you fancy settling down instead. Do that and you become an economic migrant. Britain has no moral duty to take you in at all.

With Spain now finally taking a tough line on illegal migration, Britain faces becoming even more exposed as a soft touch.

We can't even seem to get France to observe its side of the "one in, one out" deal negotiated by Keir Starmer. In April the Government agreed to pay France yet another £660million for its border force to stop the people traffickers. Yet as the Shadow Home Secretary Chris Philp discovered last week when he spoke to French border guards on a beach near Paris, they have been instructed to stand aside and let the boats leave.

AT ODDS . . . Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez and Shabana Mahmood

The only sign of action seemed to be from a French naval vessel which fired live rounds in the vicinity of a boat that Philp was travelling in – all part of a pre-planned military exercise, according to the French. Yes, I am sure.

Of course we should help genuine refugees. We should contribute generously to international efforts in Syria, Libya and so on. But the place to help refugees is as close as possible to the places they are fleeing from, as most of them don't have the resources to make it very far.

More than seven million of the 13 million Syrians displaced in the civil war never made it beyond the boundaries of their own country.

We simply cannot offer a home to every migrant who fancies living here.

Quickly overwhelm

As last week's events in Ceuta show, the well of migrants seeking a new life in Europe is, in practical terms, bottomless.

Relax border controls even for a moment and there are tens of thousands who will take advantage.

They would quickly overwhelm our welfare systems and public services.

Sanchez and his government were foolish to let down their guard.

The amnesty was almost certainly a big factor in last week's events.

But our own government is nearly as complacent.

We keep being told there is nothing to worry about because small boat crossings are down by 45 per cent in a year.

But then 2025 was exceptionally bad. The 15,000 who have arrived in 2026 to date is at much the same level as 2022, 2023 and 2024. The Government has made no progress relative to the baseline of when it took office.

The rapid return of the Ceuta migrants, however, should mark a sharp turn in policy.

Now Spain has set the precedent of bussing illegal migrants back across the border, we should stop pussyfooting around and do the same.

Hero . . . with Zendaya

Fart-Man empties Spidey cinema

By ALEX GOSS

SUPER-powered farts forced a cinema showing the new Spider-Man movie to be evacuated.

A punter appeared to suffer a giant bout of flatulence halfway through the screening — making hundreds of ticket-holders hold their noses and head for the exits.

Filmgoers branded the culprit a super-villain as one complained: "God knows what he ate."

Another posted on social media: "There's no respect any more."

The interruption caused a stink as Spider-Man: Brand New Day was being screened at a shopping mall in Cartagena, Colombia, on Sunday.

The showing was not cancelled but many fans gave up and went home.

It is not clear if it was a stink bomb prank or if the cuplrit failed to make it to the loo in time.

The film stars British actor Tom Holland, 30, and his wife, Zendaya, 29.

Leaving . . . R5 host

Sullivan scandal Livesey's BBC exit

By JOHN LUCAS

BBC Radio 5 Live's Tony Livesey has left the station after 16 years.

The presenter, 62, stepped back from his late-night talk show in June amid claims made against his ex-newspaper boss David Sullivan, 77.

Yesterday, Radio 5 Live controller Heidi Dawson told staff that he had decided not to return. She said: "Tony asked me to pass on his heartfelt thanks to the brilliant colleagues at 5 Live."

The BBC and The Times has reported that seven women accused Mr Sullivan of preying on them for sex, which he denies. Ex-Daily Sport editor Mr Livesey denied arranging for one to meet Mr Sullivan in 1999.

● **WEST** Ham co-owner Mr Sullivan has been advised by the London Stadium, where the club play at home, to stay away from matches due to fears of fan unrest.

PARIS, UK

Picture: SPLASH

By FREYA FRASER

PARIS Hilton is a Ginger Spice wannabe, wearing a short sparkling Union Jack dress at the UK's biggest Pride event.

The US socialite, 45, also pulled on matching knee-high boots in a nod to the outfit Geri Halliwell chose for the Spice Girls' 1997 Brit Awards performance, *right*.

The heiress-turned-pop star sang some of her best-known songs — including Stars Are Blind — at the bash in Brighton on Sunday.

NOW THEY'RE SUCKING DIESEL...

Duty calls . . Compston, Dunbar, McClure

IT'S NOT THE END OF THE LINE

EXCLUSIVE by ROD McPHEE, TV Editor

THE long-awaited seventh Line of Duty series will leave the door open for more outings — but the BBC faces a fight to keep it.

It will be back next year with lead stars Martin Compston, Vicky McClure and Adrian Dunbar.

And creator Jed Mercurio's story of police corruption-busting AC-12 will be left so it can continue beyond 2027.

However, streaming giants such as Netflix are likely to try to steal it from the BBC after the next series with the lure of bigger budgets and a global platform.

Producers are making good progress on its return — or are "sucking diesel" as Irish actor Dunbar's character Supt Ted Hastings would say.

But a TV insider said: "The Beeb currently hold the recommissioning rights to Line of Duty, yet ultimately it is the property of World Productions.

"The streamers have particularly deep pockets as well as a desire to tap into tried-and-tested shows that are very British."

The seventh series, which we exclusively revealed was happening, is expected around Easter.

No further series of Line of Duty have been commissioned by the BBC.

Two other long-running Beeb crime shows, Peaky Blinders and Luther, have previously been turned into hit movies with streaming giant Netflix.

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Creator . . . Mercurio

Netflix 'to swoop' after BBC airs seventh series

Arid . . near Brighton

Official: Parched July the driest yet

By PAUL SIMS

LAST month was the driest July for England and Wales since records began 190 years ago, the Met Office has confirmed.

Its provisional figures show England recorded just 6.5mm of rain.

The total was less than half the previous record of 13.4mm set in 1911.

Some parts of the country have gone without rain since mid-June, while the UK as a whole experienced its third driest July on record.

The Met Office's Dr Amy Doherty said: "Dryness, warmth and sunshine has delivered one of the most notable summers on record."

Helen Wakeham, of the National Drought Group, said: "We are seeing the effects on our farmers, our wildlife and the amount available for public and business use."

But the North will see rain this week as more unsettled weather arrives, the Met Office predicts.

Satanist . . . Lewis

'Vampire' left dead beasts at churches

By BENEDICT ELLIOT

A SATANIST "vampire" horrified residents by leaving mutilated bodies of deer and lambs at churches, a court heard.

Benjamin Lewis, 48, raided farms in the middle of the night before slitting animals' throats, drinking their blood and dumping them.

Lewis was in a vampire cult with other members, who he would meet up with so they could drink each other's blood, Southampton crown court heard.

Police searching his home found notes saying: "It's fun to be a vampire."

He also kept books about New Forest myths and funeral poems at his home in Totton, Hants, on the edge of the national park.

Lewis admitted religious aggravated harassment and theft over last year's offences in the New Forest. He was given an indefinite hospital order.

SUN'S LIDDLE WHO SPECIALISED

By GRANT ROLLINGS

ROD LIDDLE, one of the most fearless journalists of his generation, has died at the age of 66.

Tributes flooded in last night for The Sun columnist, who stood up for free speech throughout his career.

Rod was willing to say the unsayable – and welcomed the flak that followed.

Never one to toe the party line, he was both a fierce critic of woke culture and a defender of the downtrodden.

The working-class writer, who grew up in the North East, took aim at high levels of immigration, but once wore a burka on the streets of Kent to expose rising Islamophobia.

When the father of three stood as a candidate for the Social Democratic Party at the 2024 election, he joked that he was disappointed not to have been "milkshaked" like Nigel Farage.

He lost his job as editor of Radio 4's Today in 2002 for expressing his revulsion at bloodsports in a newspaper article, for which the BBC felt he had breached its impartiality rules.

During a remarkable four decades in journalism, Rod won a number of broadcasting awards, wrote several books and made TV documentaries.

He died on Sunday evening at the James Cook University Hospital, in Middlesbrough, after a short illness.

Victoria Newton, The Sun's Editor-in-Chief, said: "Rod was a brilliant, fearless columnist who was much loved by all at The Sun.

"A champion of Press freedom, no topic was off-limits, and his writing – as funny as it was excoriating – was simply exceptional.

"A terrific observer of the frailties of our political class, he will be remembered for his razor-sharp wit and for his huge intellect.

"But on The Sun floor he will also be remembered for his warmth and humour and for the belly laughs we had at his wildly entertaining lunches and dinners where he would hold court. He will be hugely missed."

Rod Liddle

What will Labour do with migrants now? Stick 'em up North in cheap property, I'll bet

COVER STORY . . . Rod wears a burka on the streets of Canterbury in 2013, to see if he suffered discrimination

WRITE IMAGE . . . leather-clad Rod in his early career as a journalist

Rod was a funny, fearless and brilliant columnist who held our political class to account

'Uncompromising voice'

Rod had written for The Times since 2003, before joining The Sunday Times as a columnist in 2005 and The Sun in 2011.

Rebekah Brooks, CEO of News UK, which owns the newspapers, said: "Rod was an inimitable journalistic force – brilliant, provocative and immensely talented – whose sharp wit and uncompromising voice graced our pages and airwaves for decades.

"Whether writing for The Sunday Times and The Sun or broadcasting on Times Radio, he challenged conventional thinking and left an indelible mark on British journalism.

"Rod will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and sincerest condolences are with his family and loved ones."

Robert Thomson, Chief Executive Officer of News Corp and a former editor of The Times, said: "Rod was puckishly profound and profoundly puckish.

"We were determined back in 2003 that he should bring his intellectual energy and lateral wit to The Times, and his wisdom and whimsy have echoed around our company and the world ever since.

"Rod's resonance will surely echo for many, many years to come."

Piers Morgan was quick to hail Rod as a "true voice of common sense".

He said: "One of Britain's most fearless, funny and fabulously entertaining journalists.

"Loved reading his brilliantly original columns, and listening to his combative but always well-informed rants on the airwaves.

"A true voice of common sense, and great character."

Michael Gove, Editor at The Spectator where Rod was associate editor, said: "Rod was a journalist of genius. In the tradition of Swift, Cobbett and Orwell, he was a satirist who found society's most sensitive spots and made merciless fun of our follies.

"He was always fearless, could be achingly funny and while he had an adamantine core of principle, he could also surprise.

"He had a deep love of England, of its culture and in particular the common sense of its working class.

"He was also a master of the written word. He was very much loved by those who knew him. No words we can summon can capture our loss."

Born in Sidcup, South London, in 1960, Rod's family moved to the North East when he was eight.

He went to Guisborough Comprehensive in Cleveland, where he had very left-wing opinions and was known as "Mad Liddle".

After his A levels, he joined the South Wales Echo as a trainee and stayed on for three years.

He attended the London School of Economics as a mature student, studying social psychology, and worked as a researcher and speechwriter for the Labour Party.

But Rod became disillusioned by the "control-freakery" of the party and its repeated defeats at the ballot box during the Eighties.

It was while working in the lobby in Parliament that he applied for a job as a junior producer at the BBC's flagship political radio show, Today.

He later revealed he had "never heard of it" and had to ask presenter Jim Naughtie what it was about.

Rod swiftly rose up the ranks, being promoted to editor in 1998.

With a pierced ear, a Bob Geldof-style haircut and a sideline as a guitarist in a band, Rod was like nothing the buttoned-up public broadcaster had ever experienced.

Presenter Sue MacGregor said he looked like a "rather exhausted member of a rock group", and her colleague John Humphrys commented: "He's the most off-the-wall editor we've ever had."

Rod improved the show's investigative journalism and added pop culture reports alongside big-name interviews. He defended his team's right to robustly interrogate politicians and was willing to air opposing views.

Rod said: "All we want to do is find out the truth."

Under his stewardship, Today won Sony Radio Academy Awards and an Amnesty International Media Award.

But it was his forthright opinions that led him to be ousted from the show after four years as editor.

The BBC said his 2002 column in the Guardian newspaper, which ridiculed supporters of the pro fox-hunting Countryside Alliance, did not align with its "obligation to be impartial".

Auntie's loss was News UK's gain. Alongside his columns in The Sunday Times and The Sun, Rod wrote non-fiction books, Selfish Whining Monkeys, and The Great Betrayal: The

IN SAYING UNSAYABLE DIES AGED 66

'Rod had a deep love of England, of its culture and in particular the common sense of its working class'
– MICHAEL GOVE

DEFENDER OF DOWNTRODDEN . . . Rod in 2017

COMBATIVE . . . some of Rod's political viewpoints in his Sun column

HE MADE YOU LAUGH OUT LOUD ...A RARE TALENT

NEWSPAPER pundits are ten a penny. They come and they go, often without trace. The Sun's Rod Liddle by contrast is simply irreplaceable.

By **TREVOR KAVANAGH**

Rod's tragic and untimely death at 66 robs us of a controversial, caustic, but crucial voice on the madness that is modern Britain.

His weekly columns, much missed in recent times, took a fiercely hilarious poke at the cant and hypocrisy of our country's polarised politics.

He loved to flirt with danger, deliberately skating on thin ice over such explosive issues as gender, race and religion.

"His columns make the hair stand up on the back of your neck," said one veteran editor.

They also made us laugh out loud – a rare and precious talent.

Our star columnist would have been deeply moved by the expressions of public grief as the shock news of his death broke yesterday afternoon.

Big softie

Tributes more usually associated with the death of a famous pop star flashed non-stop across our screens.

Rod earned their affection by speaking in their name, pricking the pomposity of po-faced trans-fanatics and puncturing the absurdity of Gay Pride pro-Gaza marchers.

His prolific views on race, immigration and multiculturalism constantly landed him in hot water, his favourite spot.

His far-sighted 2005 Channel 4 documentary, Immigration Is A Time Bomb, was denounced by race warriors.

Liddle's columns on politics, football – he was a Millwall supporter – and rock 'n' roll won fierce loyalty from his readers of The Sun, the Spectator, The Sunday Times and Times Radio where he had a regular Saturday slot.

I like to claim a hand in his popular role as a newspaper columnist, suggesting his first column for The Sun in 2011.

But he soon eclipsed me and would have been a star in any publication that chose to use his material.

His first outing was a typically ferocious attack on the BBC over the Jimmy Savile scandal, headlined "Liar, liar, Aunt's on fire".

Rod's criticism was all the more effective because of his experience as a precociously young editor of BBC's Radio 4 Today programme.

Rod parted company with the Beeb in 2002 when executives tried to ban him from writing newspaper articles clashing with broadcasting policy.

Liddle was proudly working class, starting out at 16 as a reporter on the South Wales Echo where he wrote his first column, about rock music. But he was formidably bright and took a degree in social psychology as a mature student at the London School of Economics.

His politics began on the far left, first with the Socialist Workers Party, then as a mainstream Labour supporter and speechwriter for the party's front bench.

But he joined the breakaway Social Democratic Party in 2019 and wrote a satirical column suggesting the general election be held on a Muslim religious holiday to reduce the Labour vote.

Perhaps surprisingly, given his scepticism, he was a practising Christian and wrote extensively about faith, not least Islam.

He was also a big softie, a lifelong animal rights campaigner who detested the hunting of foxes, fish, hares and badgers for pleasure.

For Rod Liddle, his right to say so and to write about them in a free Press was sacred. We will miss him enormously.

MOP STAR . . . Rod as a floppy-haired teenager and, *inset above*, when he was a child

GOOD CALL . . . Rod made guest appearance on Dear Deidre in 2012

True Story Of Brexit. He was no less controversial on TV.

His 2005 Channel 4 documentary, Immigration Is A Time Bomb, which argued that high immigration rates risked social unrest, drew significant criticism, as did his Dispatches episode, The New Fundamentalists, about Christian zealots, a year later.

Rod was a strong opponent of transgender ideology back when it was unpopular to stand up for women's rights.

Yet his views were rarely predictable and were often misunderstood.

He faced backlash from left-wing commentators after walking the streets of Canterbury in a burka for a piece in The Sun in 2013. As Rod pointed out, he did it "to see what level of Islamophobic abuse and discrimination I suffered from the infidel locals".

In his inimitable style, Rod took a light-hearted approach to a serious issue. He objected to the full veil, which was "the subjugation of women", while joking that he looked like Darth Vader. And even though he didn't like the burka, he explained: "I don't think we should *ban* them. If we are a free country – and I'm beginning to have my doubts – you should be free to wear what you like."

His contentious views triggered death threats, but as a lifelong Millwall supporter, he took a "no one likes us and we don't care" approach to his critics.

He revelled in the South London team's reputation for causing trouble, joking that the reason he became a fan might have been "the bloke who tried to brick the ref".

Twice-married Rod leaves behind three children, Wilder, Tyler and Emmy.

In a statement, they said: "He raised us much as you might imagine, to be inquisitive, brave and always humourous. Even in hospital in the last few weeks, he consistently held the room and never let the awful situation show.

"He has left a legacy that we are all incredibly proud of, he will always be our guide on how to live an extraordinary life."

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Our kids will pay the price if 'modernising' education means making it more easy

CLASS dismissed. Pack up your rucksacks, kids, and lap up some TikTok for supper.

Because, under the latest Labour plans to overhaul our ailing educational system, that's what it'll come down to.

New Education Secretary Lucy Powell reckons schools are stuck in a "straitjacket", and they should be offering Love Island studies instead. Sort of.

She reckons it's unfair on ~~thickos~~ the less academically blessed that educational facilities only prioritise subjects such as English, maths and history.

And that schools should spend yet more precious budget, from one already being strangled at the seams, on vocational subjects like childcare and hospitality.

Quite how state schools – Labour's priority – will find both the staffing and the money to achieve this is unknown.

Then again, this is coming from a minister who included a massive typo in her announcement to the role on X.

So attention to detail perhaps isn't foremost on the curriculum.

In my day, if you weren't the smartest, well . . . unlucky.

Oxbridge wasn't a-beckoning, and them's the cards dealt you. Work on your personality. Get a Saturday job.

But for the progressive Left, no one must be left out.

Powell said she intended to take a "fresh look at what we are teaching our children and whether we are equipping them for their lives ahead" as part of a drive to undo the education reforms of Michael Gove.

SPEND . . . Powell

The Government is considering changes to the curriculum, proposed as part of a review by Professor Becky Francis.

The Francis Review recommends teenagers take fewer GCSE exams because of fears they are overly stressed and being taught to the test, rather than understanding the subject.

And Powell is understood to want to go further in allowing pupils to concentrate on more technical subjects at an earlier age.

She appears at risk of making the typical mistake many progressives make: Believing creativity and knowledge are somehow at odds. They aren't.

Crucially, in the burgeoning/terrifying world of AI, Pythagoras' theorem et al will soon be redundant anyway.

Lowering the bar

These days, even the least brightest of mummy's little darlings can pick up a smartphone and cheat their way to 50 per cent.

But not many PPE students at Balliol can fix a broken toilet or a boiler.

Which is why I do absolutely believe schools and colleges *should* be encouraging trades. Sadly, too, so many teenagers today believe that they don't need a formal education – not when a career in influencing beckons.

One where the one per cent can make millions through brand deals, likes and the ability to know your 0.5x camera lens from your 1.0.

Dumbing down education at the cost of traditional subjects, though, is not the one. Nor is allowing our youngsters to sit fewer GCSEs so as not to add to their mental-health woes.

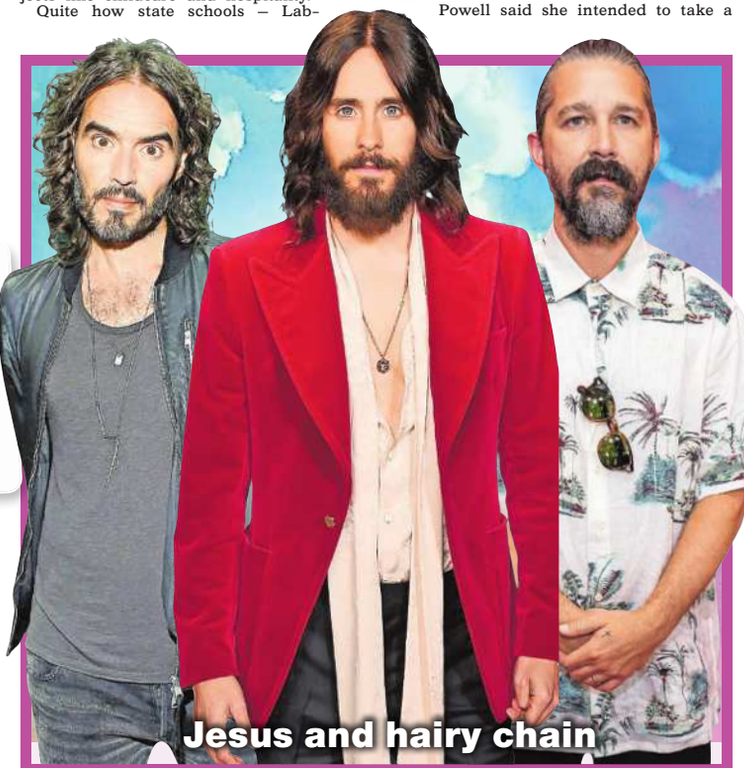
If children are allowed to believe they can just concede defeat and strive for less at the very first hurdle, what example is that giving them for later in life, when s**t really hits the fan?

Supporters of Powell insist it's not about lowering standards, rather that not every 14-year-old wants to dissect frogs or calculate Ohm's law.

Trust me, guys, neither did I. But I did so because no Saturday-night ice disco for me otherwise.

You know? Discipline. When it comes to education, raising aspirations should always matter more than lowering the bar.

If "modernising" education becomes a cheat code for making it easier, simpler and less demanding, ultimately, it's Britain's children who will end up paying the price.



Jesus and hairy chain

WHY do all the wrong'uns develop Messiah complexes?

First up, M'lud, we have Russell Brand – a deeply unpleasant man who has been charged with historic offences of rape and sexual assault. Today, he is a Bible-clutching, cross-bearing, bearded Jesus-lookalike (sorry, JC).

Then we have also-bearded Shia LaBeouf. A Hollywood actor experiencing a profound religious conversion and entering the Roman Catholic Church, following a string of pretty damning revelations.

And now, step forward Jared Leto – a man with a long-running reputational problem.

He also appears to have undergone something of a Christ makeover as grim tales of abuse surface. All three deny any wrongdoing.

Here's hoping Ephesians 4:32 saves them all . . . but I doubt it.

CRINGE . . . Willoughby

POOR SHOW, HOLLY

MUCH fanfare around Holly Willoughby's debut YouTube show last week, one which was met with mixed reaction.

"Mixed" being kind.

Or as one reviewer observed: "How bad is Holly's new show? I don't know where to start.

"But I do know where it should end – at the half-hour mark where she and Stanley Tucci are so stuck for conversation they end up reading out the ingredients list of a Fray Bentos steak and kidney pie."

Another highlight saw Holly painstakingly chopping a cucumber.

Elephants have been gestated quicker.

CAN somebody please help readers of the Daily Telegraph. "Britain's most persecuted minority? "Millionaires", read the Page One headline.

meme of the week

When checking out at the supermarket, ask your checkout person what kind of chocolate bar they like and buy them one.
I did this today.

It felt so good, I think I'll be using self-checkout again.

CONES A CON

MUCH more of this, and I'll be voting Count Binface at the next GE.

Stopping for a quick Mr Whippy yesterday, I was aghast at being made to pay £5.49 for the pleasure.

The Clacton by-election candidate has famously pledged to make 99 ice creams 99p again.

Now I can see how such a move really would lift the spirit of the nation. Vote Binface.

VOW . . . Binface

WATCH . . . Brooklyn in '04

BECKS BOOK SHOCK

SOME fascinating revelations from a new Beckham tell-all tome regarding the family's ongoing family feud.

But perhaps none greater than a then six-year-old Brooklyn wearing a £6,000 watch to a Scooby-Doo premiere, or that his mother was stone-cold sober during *that* dance at her eldest son's 2022 wedding to Nicola Peltz.

Because there is no money in the world that would see me dancing sans booze.

WHATEVER the opposite of the national postcode lottery is, I have just lost it.

Living as I do in a tiny cul-de-sac terraced street in leafy West London, nice, quiet residents are a must – especially in windows-open heatwave season.

Thrilled, I am then, to have (lovely) neighbours on both sides of me having babies within days of one another.

Screaming, crying, heat-despising babies.

As I type this, there is a veritable cacophony of tantrum emanating from both left and right.

Aww, the circle of life.

DEER LITTLE BAMBI

THAT being said, at least Molly-Mae Hague and boxer Tommy Fury aren't living next door.

The former Love Island star breezily informed fans that her daughter Bambi put someone in a headlock during a recent lunch.

It comes after the influencer listed the little friends the three-year-old wanted to "bite".

"She needs a Hannibal-style restraining jacket and spit mask," observed my esteemed colleague and Bizarre Editor, Ellie Henman, in our internal group.

"We have to remember she has Fury genes in her, too," wryly replied another showbiz hack.

So, yes. Things could be worse.

PROUD MUM . . . Molly-Mae

ENGLISH FA GIVES GIANNI RED CARD

FIFA boss Gianni Infantino was under increasing pressure as England and Wales became the first nations to withdraw their support for his re-election.

By EMILY-JANE HEAP

The English FA was understood to be preparing to send a letter to world football's governing body yesterday.

It will make clear that it will no longer back him for president in the spring elections after his failed attempt to sell off the World Cup.

The move followed the FA of Wales yesterday saying he had "lost the confidence of the FAW to remain at the helm of world football".

It added: "Failing to put the best interests of football first is a failure we cannot accept." The Swedish FA also later withdrew support. England and Wales threatened to boycott Fifa competitions before his U-turn on Saturday.

They joined all 55 of Europe ruling body Uefa's member nations in unanimously voting to shun the next World Cup.

Desperate Infantino, 56, has reportedly turned to Donald Trump to help keep him in office. But an emergency Fifa meeting is expected to ask the disgraced boss to quit.

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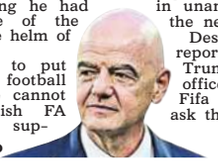

Uproar . . . Infantino

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CHARL'S OD LOOK

Theron and Damon in Korea . . . and in The Odyssey

By FREYA FRASER

ODYSSEY star Charlize Theron clearly wants to make an epic impact on the red carpet.

The actress, 50, teamed a PVC see-through skirt with black gloves and a stripy shirt for the South Korean premiere of Hollywood's adaptation of the Homer poem.

She was joined at the event in Seoul by her co-star Matt Damon, 55.

Oscar-winner Charlize, who plays Ancient Greek sea nymph Calypso, said: "As soon as I arrive in Korea, the energy changes. Seoul is a place with a rich culture."

Picture: GETTY

Father of hotel fall lad bailed for funeral

By ALEX WEST

THE father of a British boy who died in a fall from a Cyprus hotel wept as a judge allowed him to attend his son's funeral.

The 37-year-old had been banned from leaving the country after being charged with recklessness over the two-year-old's death.

After the hearing in Paphos, the father said: "I'm very thankful to the judge for letting me go home to my wife and my daughter. That's all I want."

The KPMG executive's son died just hours after

Hotel . . . in Cyprus

the family checked in at the five-star King Evelthon Beach Hotel and Resort, on July 12.

The young boy's body was returned to the UK last week, while the father's parents stayed in Cyprus to support him.

They were both in court as he was told he would be able to return to his home near Chelmsford, Essex, from tomorrow until September 14.

Judge Froso Christodoulidou also took a £25,000 bail deposit, ahead of a trial on the island on September 17.

BITING COLD

Two great white sharks have been tracked further north than ever, off the top of Newfoundland, Canada.

POLL BOOST

ALL HAIL THE KING

'Good job' . . . backing for Charles and Camilla

Charles' approval rating highest yet

By MATT WILKINSON and LAUREN UTTLEY

THE King has recorded his highest approval rating from the British public since his coronation.

Some 68 per cent say they believe His Majesty is doing a good job as monarch – up six points since the last poll in April.

Only 16 per cent of those asked thought he was not doing so well in the poll held a month before the four-year anniversary of his accession.

It also comes after Charles charmed US President Donald Trump during the King's State Visit to Washington DC.

He recently met his grandchildren, Lilibet and Archie, for the first time in more than four years when he hosted errant son Harry and wife Meghan.

In June, he became the first monarch to reveal his tax bill, paying £12.9million.

Biographer Robert Jobson said: "The King has done a solid job this year so far, particularly in dealing with the US State Visit." Prince William and Kate still top the YouGov poll.

68% say King Charles is doing a good job, up 6 points since April

£13M tax bill was revealed by King, making him the first to do so

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IT'S TRAIN STOPPING

TRAINSPOTTING: The Musical is facing a huge comedown after being cancelled due to poor ticket sales.

While many fans of the film, like me, loved the stage adaptation of IRVINE WELSH's 1993 novel, it failed to hit the spot.

I've been told the cast, *right*, who were playing characters including drug addicts Mark "Rent Boy" Renton, Spud, Franco, Tommy and Sick Boy, will be laid off after the show finishes its run at the Theatre Royal Haymarket in London on September 5.

A source said: "It's a massive shame, but after Trainspotting: The Musical finishes in London, the nationwide tour isn't going ahead.

"Anyone who has booked tickets will be able to get a refund.

"It's just not picking up the pace as much as they had hoped and sales aren't where they need to be

to make the production viable." I checked last night on various dates outside London, including Birmingham, Edinburgh and Leeds. When I tried to buy tickets, an automated message popped up on screen that read: "This performance is no longer available."

It's such a shame. If you are a fan of the book and film, it's worth getting down to a London show before the run ends.

Annie and Jess a Must

SISTERS were doin' it for themselves as ANNIE LENNOX was joined by JESSIE WARE for a rousing performance at Wilderness Festival.

They sang a duet of 1985 EURYTHMICS song There Must Be an Angel, which was the highlight of the hit event in Oxfordshire.

It was a rare appearance by Annie, who got emotional and dabbed her eyes while singing Here Comes The Rain.

Meanwhile, Jessie had some important family news from the festival and told the crowd: "I've been camping since Friday and all my South London crew are right here.

"My son lost his baby teeth yesterday at SOULWAX. It's been really touch and go, but we've had the best festival."

JESY DIGS GARDENER ON DATE

SHE'S had a rough time of it recently, so I'm pleased to see **JESY NELSON** may have found someone to put a smile back on her face.

One of our readers spotted the former **LITTLE MIX** singer, *below*, out in London over the weekend enjoying a drink with Essex landscape gardener Ben Davies.

He previously dated Towie's **LYDIA BRIGHT** and, according to people who know him, is a "decent bloke" who would treat Jesy like a queen.

Jesy shared a snap of her rooftop night out at Jin Bo Law in Aldgate, with Ben's tattooed arm visible in the picture.

Our reader said: "It was definitely Jesy with Ben, I recognised him straight away from his tattoos. Jesy looked like she was having a great time, which is massively deserved after everything she has gone through."

Jesy split from musician **ZION FOSTER** after the birth of their twin girls, who were born with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) type 1.

Jesy's campaigning helped pass a milestone health policy last month, with the Government now set to test babies born in England for SMA from October.

She deserves all the plaudits coming her way.

TATE: TAY SMELLS SO GOOD

TATE McRAE is one of the lucky few to have been given a taste of **TAYLOR SWIFT**'s sourdough.

Tay loves to bake and this year has been whipping up batches of bread for all her nearest and dearest.

But when asked about getting one of Taylor's signature loaves, it seems the bread wasn't what impressed Tate the most.

In a new interview with Variety last night, the Revolving Door singer said: "The basket smelled amazing.

"I don't know what perfume she wears, but I was like, 'She must smell incredible'."

AFTER conquering Africa's highest mountain, my favourite rapper AITCH is now climbing Netflix's charts.

The Manchester star's documentary Don't Be Afraid is sitting in the top three most-watched shows. It's an impressive feat given the tough competition.

Aitch last year tackled Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania to raise money for the Downs Syndrome Association in honour of his little sister Gracie, and collected more than £160,000.

SHANE'S DRIVE JIBE AT DAD

SHANE RICHIE's son **SHANE NOLAN** didn't waste much time in taking the mick out of his dad after he was charged with drink-driving.

The EastEnders actor was nicked at a Tesco petrol station and will appear in court on September 9.

Mocking his old man as he warmed up the audience at his mum **COLEEN**'s This Is Me show at Bush Hall in London on Sunday night, Shane, *left*, said: "The more you drink, the funnier I get. But remember, don't drink and drive."

My mate who was in the crowd said the joke failed to get a laugh but Shane Jr pressed on: "I am driving home. I won't be driving. I am drinking tonight."

When it still failed to land, he added: "Let's get this out of the way. My dad is Shane Richie and my mum is Coleen Nolan. I've got my dad's personality and my mum's t**s."

Neither will want to take credit for his sense of humour.

ELLIE HENMAN'S

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POWER PLAY ... Kylie, Madonna and Stuart

KYLIE MAKES MADGIC

Superstars in Love Sensation collab

THEY have a total of 100 Top Ten hits between them – now MADONNA and KYLIE MINOGUE are teaming up in the hope of making it 101.

In one of the most demanded and hoped-for collaborations, the pop powerhouses have recorded a remix of Madonna's song Love Sensation, which was on her Confessions II album which dropped last month.

The pair have been dropping a steady stream of hints that they have worked together in recent weeks.

And on Saturday, Kylie made a surprise appearance during Madonna's Club Confessions concert at WorldPride in Amsterdam.

They performed together in purple outfits alongside DJ and producer **STUART PRICE**, who has overseen the collaboration and Madonna's whole album. I'm told both the song and Kylie's cameo at WorldPride were treated with a level of security that even MI5 would be impressed by.

Many in Madonna and Kylie's teams were kept in the dark about the song, to stop leaks and avoid ruining the surprise.

The superstars somehow pulled off getting in and out of the same hotel in Amsterdam without getting noticed.

A source said: "Kylie and Madonna have known each other for two decades, but over the past few years they have got closer.

"There is a lot of mutual admiration for both being strong women in the industry who have stood the test of time. They have always toyed with the idea of working together.

"They haven't shot a music video for the song, and there are no plans to.

"But after debuting it at WorldPride, the song will be out on Friday."

In June, The Sun first told that Kylie had been asked by Madonna to appear in her **GRAHAM NORTON** BBC special.

She popped up in a cameo skit as a barmaid, refusing to comment when Graham outright asked them about rumours of a collaboration.

Kylie also made a surprise appearance at Madonna's The Celebration Tour in LA in 2024.

Now they've finally done this, the world is their oyster.

CALLUM COOLS HIS STEAMY SCENES

NEWLYWED CALLUM TURNER persuaded film directors to tone down sexy scenes following his marriage to DUA LIPA.

He is appearing in new romcom One Night Only, with MONICA BARBARO.

At a Q&A in New York on Sunday, Callum, *above*, said: "There were really raunchy elements to a scene that did not fit the film.

"I thought we should home in on what is going to be in the film. There were really raunchy sex scenes."

Despite having them edited out, Callum was still left red-faced during filming. He added: "We were filming while Halloween happened in New York. We were in Brooklyn Bridge Park, where I am tied up to a tree.

"I was freezing, with no clothes on, and my two friends live around the corner.

"I was like, 'Yeah, come to the set'. And they came straight on set and I was tied up and they looked at me and they were like, 'OK?'. I forgot I was going to be naked."

Jade Kicks on

THE best thing to do after a break-up is throw yourself into work – and it's exactly what JADE THIRLWALL and JORDAN STEPHENS have done.

They both hit the stage around the same time on Sunday, albeit 4,000 miles apart.

Former LITTLE MIX singer Jade, who braved an Eighties shellsuit look, was performing at Lollapalooza Festival in Grant Park, Chicago.

Jordan, *inset*, played Y Not Festival at Pikehall in Matlock, Derbyshire.

Our Howell revealed Jade and Jordan had ended their romance after six years last month, with RIZZLE KICKS' Jordan confirming the news just before the weekend.

On the Miss Me? podcast, Jordan said: "I'm going to talk and write, I think, once things have settled a bit."

We're told there is no bad blood, so I'm sure Jade's got nothing to worry about.

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DEAL OF DAY

SLEEP soundly on the Extra Comfort memory foam spring mattress – a double was £146 but is now £85 at onlinehomeshop.com.
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CHEAP TREAT

SNACK on a pack of Sour Patch Kids sweets – usually £1.50, now £1.25 at Asda.
SAVE: 25p

EYE UP BIG SAVINGS WITH AT-HOME SPRUCE UP

Sacred brows

SKIP spending at the salon this week and get the perfect brows at home instead.

From DIY tinting kits to clever shaping tools, follow these tricks to slash your beauty bill.

SHAPE SHIFTER: To keep unruly brows in shape, use a sharp pair of tweezers and always pluck in the direction of hair growth to avoid getting any ingrown hairs.

For the most natural shape, the start of your brow should align with the bridge of your nose. The arch should hit the edge of your iris, and the tail should end at a 45-degree angle from your nose.

A well-placed tweeze costs nothing but can transform your face.

DYE IT YOURSELF: A brow tint will often set you back around £50 at a salon, but you can do it yourself at home for less than a tenner.

The Kiss Brow Tint Kit is on currently offer at lookfantastic.com for £7.19, and it comes with everything you need for tinted brows in just five minutes.

The colour lasts up to six weeks, so it means you can cancel any future brow appointments, too.

TAME THE MANE: If you have thick hair, a specialist brow tool could be the answer to getting the perfect arch.

You don't need to splash out on expensive versions – get a GoodMax Eyebrow Razor to get rid of stray hairs. A pack of three is just £3.99 at Amazon.co.uk.

WAX WONDER: Do you prefer waxing to threading? If so, you can do it at home with special face waxing strips. Try Boots' smooth care sensitive wax strips, enriched with almond oil and vitamin E.

Simply peel off, apply and use the finishing wipes included to get rid of any remaining wax. A pack of 20 strips was £4, but is now £3.20.

GROW GETTER: If you're suffering from over-plucked brows, try one of the new budget eyebrow serums, like the Revolution Peptide Strength Lash And Brow Serum, £9.99 at Superdrug.

Use the wand to apply to clean skin and brows before bed to boost the length and volume of brows in just eight weeks – according to their consumer testing.

●All prices on page correct at time of going to press. Deals and offers subject to availability.

What's new?

HEADING off on hols soon? Drop into Lidl this week to pick up a range of games to keep kids entertained as well as this Lupilu fire engine ride-on suitcase, £19.99.

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Wacky wear . . . Jimmy

There's no more Jimmy Cricket

By ARAMINTA PLUMPTRE

COMEDIAN Jimmy Cricket, famed for his "And there's more" catchphrase, has died aged 80.

The Northern Irish star was a TV and radio staple in the 1970s and '80s.

He was instantly recognisable by his wellies labelled "L" and "R" but worn on the wrong feet, cut-off trousers and hat.

His family confirmed his death after a short illness, saying the "world was a far less sillier place today". His last days were spent surrounded by his family, love, laughter and songs, they added.

Born James Mulgrew in 1945 in Co Tyrone, Jimmy started working in holiday camps at 18.

He had TV series And There's More, hosted Radio 2's Jimmy's Cricket Team, and toured with the likes of Paul Daniels and The Krankies.

Wed to May for 52 years, he leaves four children.

Caught . . . ex-ace

Pennant car cover bid after cop stop

By SARAH RIDLEY

EX-Liverpool winger Jermaine Pennant tried to buy temporary car insurance on his phone when pulled over by police, a court heard.

The bankrupt ace, 43, who also played for Arsenal and Wolves, was stopped in his Audi A5 last September.

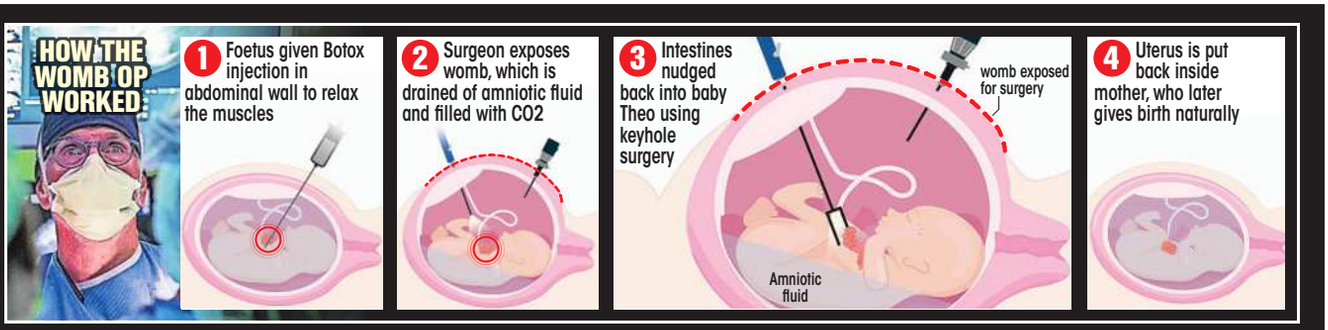
Officers saw he had a temporary insurance app open on his phone, Highbury Corner magistrates' court heard yesterday.

He had been due to face trial for the offence in Golders Green, North West London, but sent in a written guilty plea to driving without insurance last week.

Pennant, from Barnet, North London, will attend the same court on October 12, where he faces being disqualified.

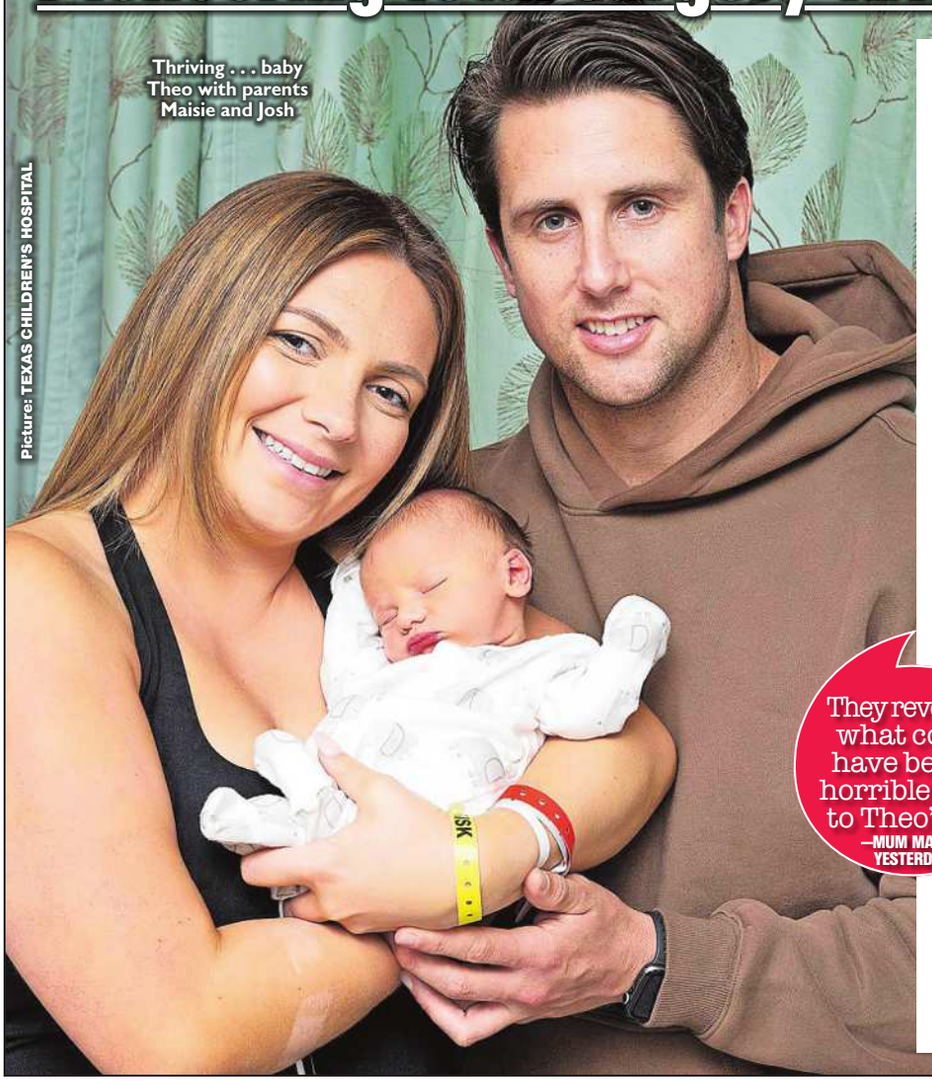
In 2005, he played with an electronic tag after serving jail time for drink-driving. He was declared bankrupt in 2013 with debts of £1million.

THEO THE MEDICAL MARVEL



OUR MIRACLE WOMB OP TOT

Pioneering fetal surgery fixes intestines



Thriving . . . baby Theo with parents Maisie and Josh

Picture: TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

By ELIZA LOUKOU, Health Features Writer

A BABY boy has become the first from Britain — and only the third worldwide — to have "miracle" pioneering stomach surgery while still in the womb.

At her 20-week scan, Maisie Savage's son Theo was diagnosed with a life-threatening condition where the intestines grow outside the body.

Maisie and Theo's dad Josh French had no idea their tot was affected and described the diagnosis as a shock and "incredibly scary".

In Britain, Theo could only have surgery once he was born, which carried a lot of risk.

So London's Great Ormond Street Hospital referred teachers Maisie and Josh to specialists doing a clinical trial in Houston, Texas.

First, Maisie went to Leuven Hospital in Belgium for a Botox injection through her womb into Theo's stomach wall to relax the muscles to make the repair easier.

At 26 weeks pregnant, they flew to the US, where surgeons cut open Maisie's stomach to expose her womb. The amniotic fluid was drained and replaced with carbon dioxide to expand the operating space.

Using keyhole surgery, Theo's organs were gently pushed back inside his abdomen, which was then stitched closed.

Theo was born naturally at full term – and at five months is healthy and thriving.

Cradling her child at home in London, Maisie said: "He's a little miracle, isn't he?

"Everything they did completely reversed what could have been a really horrible start to his life and he's just the best."

Theo had been diagnosed with gastroschisis which affects 200 to 300 babies in the UK each year.

In severe cases, it can lead to life-changing complications, requiring multiple surgeries, and proves fatal for one in ten.

The Texas Children's Hospital trial involved adapting a technique for operating in the womb on babies with spina bifida.

Josh said of the surgery: "That day, it felt like a week – the waiting and just not knowing exactly what was going on at each stage."

Maisie was left with a huge scar and still had 14 weeks of pregnancy to go. She was often in pain as Theo kicked but told the BBC: "It was a hard recovery. But worth it."

Paolo De Coppi, a consultant at GOSH, said: "If the results are positive, we hope this could become the standard operation for complex gastroschisis cases."

They reversed what could have been a horrible start to Theo's life —MUM MAISIE, YESTERDAY

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Losers . . . the News

£150k for fence tiff songs on YouTube

By ARAMINTA PLUMPTRE

A COUPLE locked in a 14-year row over a fence removed their neighbours' ornamental squirrel and posted explicit songs about them on YouTube.

Philip New, 52, and his wife Denise, 47, now face a £150,000 legal bill after being sued by Steve and Karen Gibson.

Mr New was said to have removed the squirrel from a post between the couples' properties in Thundersley, Essex.

He also wrote a song that went: "Throw s**t at their window, s**t at the door/Call him a w****r, call her a whore."

Mr and Mrs New, who argue the fence is a few inches out of line, were told to pay £13,305 in damages and interest, and handed lawyers' bills of £120,000 at Southend county court last year.

Damages have now been cut by £700 in a High Court appeal ruling – but the News must pay another £19,000 in costs.

Accused . . Carrington

X Factor finalist's denial of murder

By SAM CREED

AN X Factor finalist has denied murdering an influencer who died six days after being run over by a Mercedes.

Gabrielle Carrington, 29, appeared in court accused of mowing down Klaudia Zakrzewska, 32.

Footage of the April 19 incident outside Inca nightclub in Soho, London, was widely shared online at the time.

Poland-born Klaudia had almost 270,000 Instagram followers. Two others, Anoosh Chaichy, in his 50s, and Latisha Armstrong, in her 30s, were hurt in the incident.

Carrington, from Manchester, who was in girl group Miss Dynamix on the ITV show in 2013, also denied causing GBH with intent to Mr Chaichy.

She appeared at London's Old Bailey via video-link from HMP Bronzefield, Surrey. Judge Sarah Whitehouse fixed her trial for January 5.

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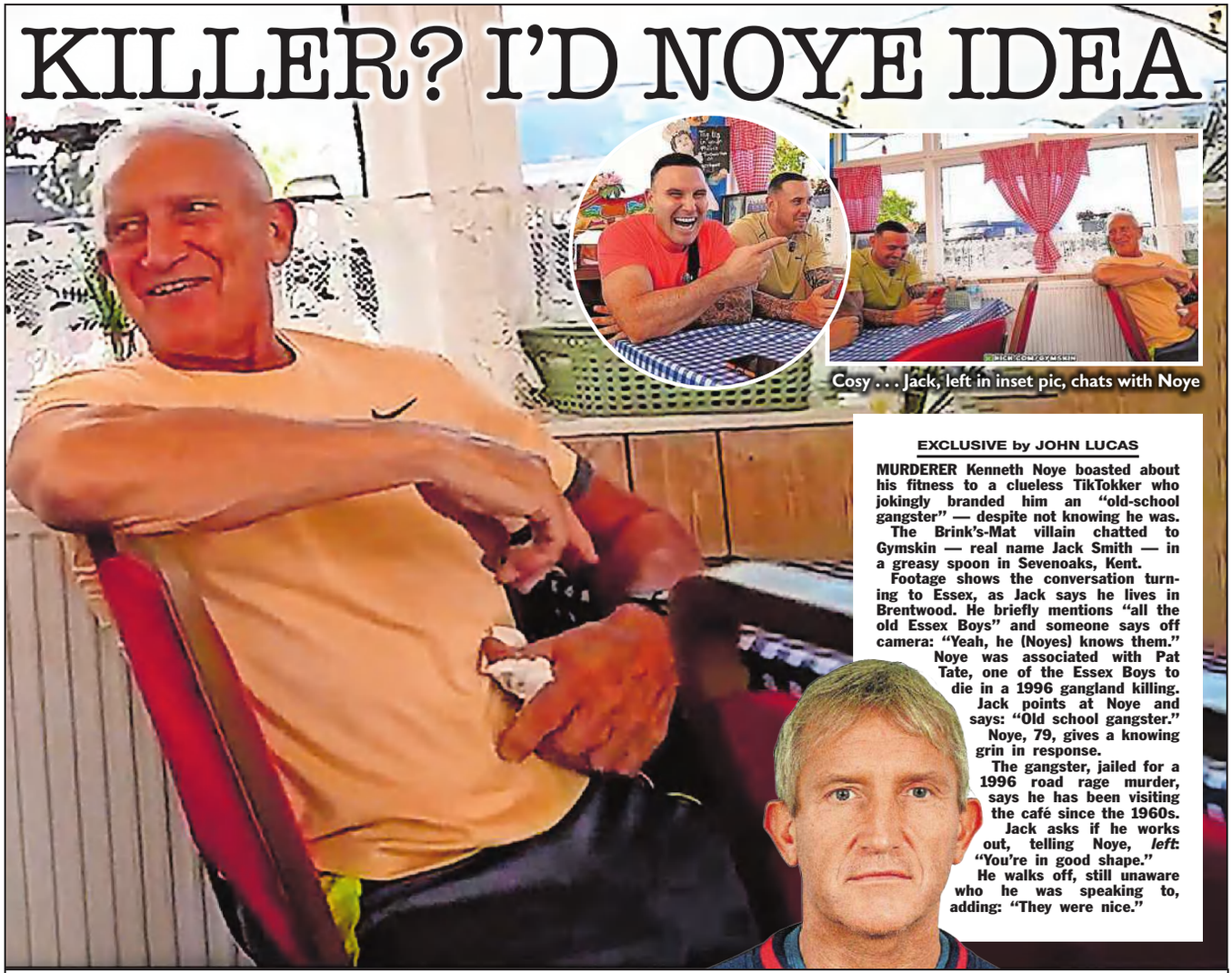


Cosy . . . Jack, left in inset pic, chats with Noye

EXCLUSIVE by JOHN LUCAS

MURDERER Kenneth Noye boasted about his fitness to a clueless TikTokker who jokingly branded him an "old-school gangster" — despite not knowing he was.

The Brink's-Mat villain chatted to Gymskin — real name Jack Smith — in a greasy spoon in Sevenoaks, Kent.

Footage shows the conversation turning to Essex, as Jack says he lives in Brentwood. He briefly mentions "all the old Essex Boys" and someone says off camera: "Yeah, he (Noyes) knows them."

Noye was associated with Pat Tate, one of the Essex Boys to die in a 1996 gangland killing.

Jack points at Noye and says: "Old school gangster."

Noye, 79, gives a knowing grin in response.

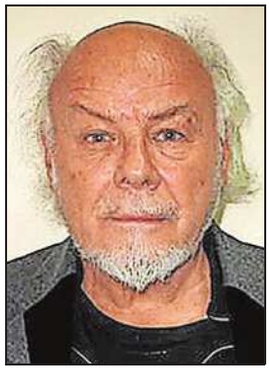
The gangster, jailed for a 1996 road rage murder, says he has been visiting the café since the 1960s.

Jack asks if he works out, telling Noye, *left*: "You're in good shape."

He walks off, still unaware who he was speaking to, adding: "They were nice."

EXCLUSIVE: LAGS IN THEIR 90s

RISE OF THE OLD AGE PRISONERS



Paedo . . . Gary Glitter, 82

Number of elderly cons at new high

RECORD numbers of OAP inmates are in jails — including 28 in their 90s.

There were 456 in their 80s and 1,625 in their 70s in England and Wales last year.

The 2,109 total aged 70+ account for one in every 40 inmates. It is more than double the 1,028 in 2014.

The stats suggest justice is catching up with those guilty of historical crimes.

The oldest lag is paedo Sidney Cooke, 99, suspected of up to 20 deaths in the 1970s and 1980s. His parole bid failed last year.

By MICHAEL HAMILTON

Pop paedo Gary Glitter, 82, was jailed for historic sex abuse in 2015, freed on licence in 2023 but recalled after the Sun investigated his activities at a bail hostel.

Glitter, real name Paul Gadd, was charged with historical offences including unlawful sex with a girl under 13 last month after a fresh investigation.

Separate Home Office figures show police recorded more than 9,000 sex offences last year where the alleged crime took place more than 20 years earlier.

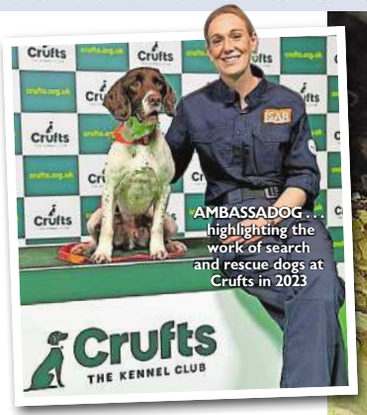
Campaigners say the ageing jail population is a major headache for prison bosses battling overcrowding, violence, staff shortages and crumbling Victorian jails. The trend has also created pressure for more adapted cells, medical care, social care support and end-of-life planning inside jails.

At HMP Leyhill, Gloucs, inspectors said elderly and disabled inmates made up more than half the population. It offers activities including indoor bowls.

The Ministry of Justice said: "It is absolutely right vile perpetrators of sexual abuse face the full force of the law and their victims receive justice – no matter how long ago the crime."

Oldest . . . Cooke, 99

ROWDY POOCH TRAINED AS RESCUE HERO



AMBASSADOG . . . highlighting the work of search and rescue dogs at Crufts in 2023

How ruff diamond Davey became Britain's bravest dog

By NADIA COHEN

HE was once given up for being too energetic, but Davey is now hailed as Britain's bravest dog.

The nine-year-old springer spaniel has travelled the world saving lives in disaster zones.

Not only has he sniffed out survivors at explosion sites and in collapsed buildings in Turkey, Morocco and Venezuela, but he has helped with high-risk missing person searches in the UK, too.

And this week, Davey – who works with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service – will be celebrating his retirement.

He was one of six highly trained search dogs last month flown out to Venezuela, to help the UK International Search and Rescue team (ISAR) hunt for survivors following two devastating earthquakes on June 24.

They arrived in temperatures of 35C with 95 per cent humidity, and for Davey's handler, Lindsay Sielski, it was an emotional trip.

Lindsay, the canine lead for the UK ISAR team, said: "It was always going to be a special one because I knew it would be Davey's last.

Full of beans

"Watching all six dogs work so hard made me incredibly proud. But there were moments when I found myself watching Davey, knowing this was the end of such an extraordinary chapter.

"The heat was intense, but the recent hot weather at home had actually worked in our favour.

"The dogs were already used to working in those conditions and, as always, Davey just got on with the job. He loved every minute."

Davey's story could have turned out very differently.

In 2017, he was handed in at the Dogs Trust centre in Shoreham, West Sussex, after his original owners could not cope with him.

Boisterous, bright and seemingly impossible to tire out, Davey – then called Teddy – was not suited to life as a typical household pet.

But staff at the centre recognised he had something many others do not: An instinct to search.

They got in touch with Lindsay and the rest is history.

She joined the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service as a firefighter in 2006 before volunteering for the specialist ISAR team and becoming a search dog handler.

Lindsay recalled Davey was full of beans but lacked basic skills when he first arrived.

She said: "He wasn't naughty, just untrained and bored.

"He had no recall, but he could find anything. No matter how many toys were out, he would pick the one the other dogs couldn't. That's when I knew he was 'the one'.

"You can train behaviour, but you can't teach that search instinct."

Even Davey's name was quickly decided for him.

Lindsay had planned to call him Serge. But when someone called out 'Dave' to a colleague, the plucky pup came bounding straight over, and so Davey stuck.

With the right training and an appropriate outlet for his energy, he developed into one of Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service's specialist search dogs. Davey's first international deployment came after the earthquakes in Turkey in 2023, where he investigated up to 40 buildings a day.

Over the course of ten days, the UK ISAR team rescued eight people from the rubble.

Search dogs located further survivors – with Davey responsible for finding two people who were later rescued.

Lindsay remembered that, after a week of searching, one moment stood out.

"Someone from the Turkish team came running over to say that where Davey had been barking, another person had been rescued," she said. "It was the lift we needed."

Davey's work in Turkey earned him recognition and he was named International Search and Rescue Dog of the Year at the International Fund for Animal Welfare Awards in London.

He has also been recognised at Crufts for his contribution as a working search dog.

After his success in Turkey, Davey was later deployed to Morocco before heading to Venezuela for his final mission last month.

Away from the frontline, he has become an ambassador for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Dogs Trust, going to schools and events. He has even visited Downing Street, been immortalised in a children's book and walked the red carpet at the London premiere of Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie.

Davey will now swap risky rescue missions for a quieter life at home with Lindsay, her firefighter husband Steve and their 13-year-old son.

His operational role will now be taken on by the next generation of search dogs who are currently being trained – in the hope that one day, they too will be as pawsome as Davey.

LIFESAVER . . . sniffing out survivors in the rubble of a collapsed building

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DREAM TEAM . . . Davey with his handler Lindsay, who has offered him a comfy sofa where he can enjoy his retirement

DOGS TRUST

Banned . . . Ashmore

Driver on 59 points has joke with cop

By BEN O'DRISCOLL

A BANNED driver caught behind the wheel joked with a cop about the 59 points on his licence.

Iain Ashmore, 45, was pulled over while at the wheel of a white Transit van last month – despite being disqualified.

Bodycam footage shows officers confronting Ashmore before discovering his 59-point tally.

But rather than showing concern, he casually joked: "Oh, has it gone down now, has it?" Puzzled PC Mark Solder responded: "Down?"

Ashmore then quipped: "My mistake it was 61."

He then had a pop, saying he was "fed up of being pulled over" and threatened to make a formal complaint.

Ashmore, of Witham St Hughes, Lincs, admitted a string of driving offences.

Lincoln magistrates handed him a suspended eight-week jail term and banned him from the road for another year.

Back . . . one of the six

Eagles in return to park after 200 years

By ALEX WEST

SIX white-tailed eagles have been released into a national park as part of a project to restore them to England's skies.

The release in Exmoor comes after they disappeared from the area due to persecution more than 200 years ago.

The birds, whose wingspan can reach 8ft, were taken under licence from the wild in Scotland where they were reintroduced some years ago.

A 2019 release of 45 on the Isle of Wight led to some visiting Exmoor, which provides ideal foraging and plenty of fish.

It is expected the new six will travel widely before returning to the park to breed at age four.

Zoe Smith, of the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation, called the release "a special moment", adding: "We will closely monitor their progress."

Exmoor National Park Authority added: "It's a real boost to biodiversity."

Lobster clot Noel

BACKLASH AS HE RELEASES TWO INTO SEA

NOEL Edmonds has been accused of condemning to death two lobsters he bought from a farm shop to release into the sea.

By LARA BOWMAN

The former Deal or No Deal host and his wife Liz returned the pair to the water on the Isle of Man.

Noel, *right*, said they were uncomfortable seeing them confined in a tank and decided to buy them to release them.

In a social media clip, he said: "Nice clear water in Peel Harbour; there they go. And we know this is nice fresh water because a moment ago a seal went past. Wonderful place."

But the 77-year-old was told his act of kindness was likely to backfire as the lobsters would not survive their return.

One web user said: "They didn't have a chance the moment he removed them from tank."

Another posted: "A lovely sentiment, but from a marine biologist perspective it's best not to release captive lobsters."

Meanwhile Matt Harrison, the owner of the farm shop from which Noel bought the lobsters, said he had moved their tank in response to the controversy – and was thinking of getting rid of it altogether.

He said he bought the lobsters to support a young local fisherman, adding: "The tank is still in the shop but we've moved it.

"I am sensitive to people's feelings, but the vast majority want us to keep it."

Claws 2 . . Liz frees pair of shellfish

Xmas at first store

MORRISONS has become the first supermarket to launch its Christmas chocolate range for 2026.

Stores are now stocking festive favourites including Cadbury Selection Boxes and KitKat Santas.

Frank Simmons, of Slough, Berks, said: "I popped in to get some sun cream for my holiday and was flabbergasted."

Morrisons insisted its shoppers "liked to plan ahead" and festive treats were selling well.

STAR PAWS

French bulldog Oscar's ashes were sent into space in a balloon by owner Jacob Battersby, 26, of Southport, Merseyside.

Picture: GETTY

MAYA'S AMAZED

By FREYA FRASER

TV host Maya Jama knows the path of true love has many twists and turns — as she raves at Labyrinth on the Thames.

The Love Island star, 31, soaked up the sun at the music festival in Greenwich, South East London.

She joined top DJ Peggy Gou, 35, on the decks, saying she was "truly inspired".

Drink shame . . Seddon

Breasts flash ma let off jail

By SARAH RIDLEY

A DRUNK mum avoided being banged up after flashing her boobs at men outside a seaside pub.

Hospitality worker Jade Seddon, 31, lifted her blouse and exposed herself "to members of the public, including a man with his dog".

She had been drinking heavily when a row broke out in December last year in front of the Auld Dubliner Irish bar in Southport, Merseyside.

She punched an onlooker before falling over twice. Tayla McCoy, prosecuting, told Liverpool magistrates that Seddon, of Southport, jumped out of a police van once arrested and tried to run away.

Seddon, who has a young daughter, faced a year in jail for outraging public decency but instead got a 12-month community order. Magistrate Elaine Faulkner told her it "was a really ugly incident, not pleasant".

Short-trip rail scam

TRAIN chiefs are cracking down on fare dodgers who pay for only a small part of their journey.

South Western Railway found widespread misuse of its electronic tickets.

Some 95 per cent of phone tickets for a four-minute journey from London Vauxhall to Waterloo were used for longer trips such as Devon.

One passenger dodged fares worth £20,000 over three years. The total fraud bill could hit £31million of revenue.

SWR said: "There's growing evidence people exploit the system."

SALSA DIPS OUT

Wetherspoons customers have berated the pub chain for axing the salsa from its popular £6.31 spicy Mexican nachos.

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Fled . . . Gwinnett

Jail at last for carer in £300k gran con

By SARAH RIDLEY

A FRAUDSTER who conned a pensioner out of £300,000 has finally been jailed after going on the run abroad.

Pamela Gwinnett, 63, fled in 2025 while on bail for fraud and theft from 89-year-old Joan Green.

Mrs Green, of Chorley, Lancs, died in 2022 after spending her final years being bullied by Gwinnett, her carer, and living like a "caged animal".

Gwinnett spent the money on luxury items.

She was convicted in her absence last October and given six years' jail. She was finally caught at her Tenerife flat in July and extradited to Britain.

Yesterday, at Preston crown court, Gwinnett, of Adlington, Lancs, admitted breaching her bail conditions and was given two extra months in jail.

Mrs Green's grandson, David Bolton, said: "We are very happy to finally see her sent to prison."

Gwinnett has been ordered to repay the cash.

2019 horror . . . gallery

Tate lad 'smiling with pals' after op

By LARA BOWMAN

THE boy thrown 100ft from the Tate Modern has his smile back after reuniting with friends, say his family.

The lad, now 12, returned to school before the holidays following brain surgery.

On a GoFundMe that has raised £536,000, the family said he is "once again able to take a few steps with a walker".

His left leg remains weak and it is hoped he will catch up through swimming and physio over the summer.

The family said: "But since our little knight is so determined and brave, none of this scares him."

He had also enjoyed a "pirate holiday" and tandem paraglide, they said.

The French lad was just six when thrown from the London attraction in 2019.

Jonty Bravery, now 24, was jailed for life with a minimum of 15 years for attempted murder.

CHARITY WORKER'S 'COLLEAGUE' A

By NADIA COHEN

THREE days before her body was found stuffed in a suitcase in Greece, Elisabeth-Jane Ross sent a final message to loved ones.

"I need some time," it read. "I'm going to a Greek island."

The British charity worker, it seemed, wanted to be alone.

But it has emerged cops believe the text was sent by Elisabeth's killer pretending to be the Edinburgh-born traveller to cover his tracks.

There was a string of misleading messages and a post on the 38-year-old's Facebook after her death.

Last night, the prime suspect in the grisly case was reported to be Afghan boxer Sharif Ahmadzai, who arrived in Greece on a small boat in 2016.

The 26-year-old – due to appear before magistrates in Athens tomorrow – reached the island of Lesvos aged 16. He taught himself English, converted to Christianity and married an American woman, Alaina Hall, in 2023.

The couple set up a ministry helping refugees in Athens and are believed to have met Elisabeth, known as Lisa, through their work.

They had a key to the flat she appears to have been staying in, which was owned by their organisation, Love Every Nation Athens, it is claimed.

Cops quizzed Ahmadzai after his wife allegedly reported he had been behaving suspiciously. It is reported she woke to find him missing on July 15, and his shared phone location revealed he was at Lisa's flat.

He is understood to have told cops he discovered her already dead in the bathroom.

In good spirits

Meanwhile, local residents said they were quizzed over whether they had heard screams coming from her flat, a ten-minute walk from where her body was later found.

It has been claimed the suspect admitted withdrawing cash from Lisa's account and using her phone to send messages pretending to be her.

When Alaina heard of the grim body-in-a-suitcase find, she moved out of the family home with their baby. Detectives who raided the property on August 1 discovered a black metal replica Glock-style pistol and a military-type knife, sources say.

Reports have suggested the motive for Lisa's killing could be that she kept talking about her Christian beliefs.

Ahmadzai is a super lightweight pro boxer who has had two fights in Athens. His life story is told in a cartoon video and upcoming book From Hell To Home: How Loss, Exile And Hope Built The Man I Became.

His father was a military commander who survived six assassination attempts by the Taliban before being shot in the head in a midnight ambush when Ahmadzai was three.

Aged nine, his older brother was kidnapped by the Taliban and never returned. His mother, sister and younger brother were killed in a suicide car bomb six years later, leaving him an orphan in Kabul.

Desperate to leave, he apparently walked for 45 days through Pakistan, Iran and Turkey in freezing conditions and was arrested multiple times.

A homeless man found Lisa's body in a derelict building in Kypseli, Athens, on July 18. He raised the alarm at 1pm after spotting a travel bag with something poking out of it which "looked like a human limb".

There was a foul stench coming from the body, which was rapidly decomposing in the heat. The victim was identified after Greek authorities found Lisa's fingerprints in American databases. Despite police making an arrest, mystery still surrounds Lisa's movements in the days before her death.

Lisa was a Good Samaritan and a committed Christian who befriended the homeless people on the streets of the Greek capital

A Good Samaritan and committed Christian, she had been befriending homeless people on the streets of the Greek capital and was seen chatting to rough sleepers near an abandoned car park where they take drugs and drink.

She had visited Greece regularly to work with various charities which support vulnerable people and refugees from Afghanistan and Iran. Lisa had flown to Athens from her home in Edinburgh on June 26.

But a Greek couple she was staying with told investigators she left on July 15, saying she would be staying with some Americans she knew.

It has since emerged the mystery pals may not exist and she could have invented the bizarre cover story.

Following Lisa's disappearance, police scoured CCTV of streets surrounding the crime scene.

Footage is said to have shown the Afghan national carrying a large bag to the site.

Officers from Greece's main federal law enforcement agency have also requested passenger information from the airline Lisa flew with. They are checking if she may have been accompanied by another person, or if someone was waiting for her at the airport.

Three of Lisa's Greek friends, including the pals she stayed with at first, have been spoken to.

They confirmed she left of her own accord and seemed in good spirits.

Lisa's heartbroken dad has revealed he received haunting texts from her phone for two weeks after her death.

'Loving young lady'

Police told reporters that the messages helped track the location of her mobile, adding: "It is clear whoever sent them was trying to buy time."

The phone – which has still not been found – remained active and was only turned off last Wednesday morning, when reports of Lisa's death

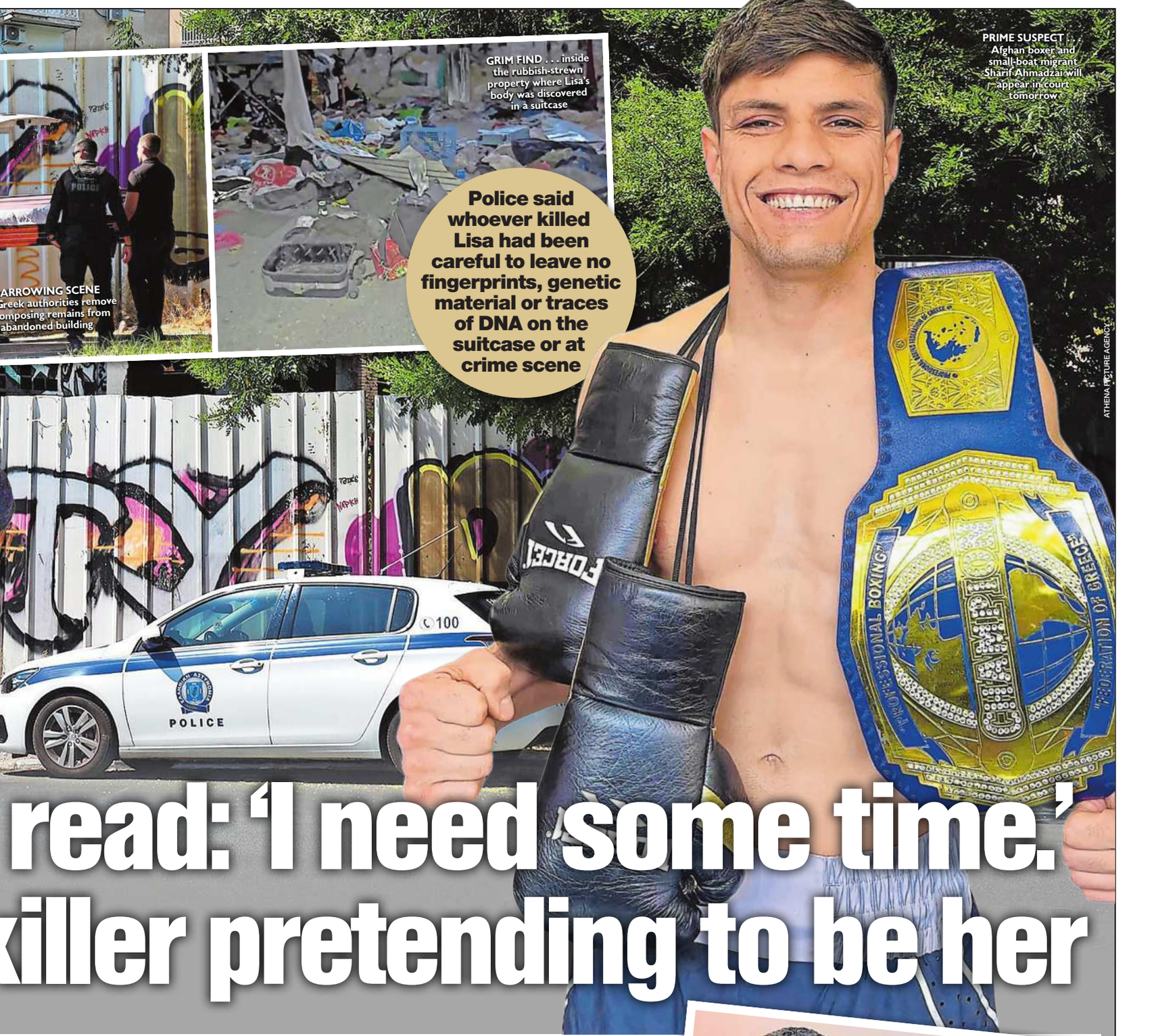
Lisa's last text It was sent by k

ARRESTED IN GREEK SUITCASE MURDER

ARROWING SCENE
Greek authorities remove
omposing remains from
abandoned building

GRIM FIND . . . inside the rubbish-strewn property where Lisa's body was discovered in a suitcase

Police said whoever killed Lisa had been careful to leave no fingerprints, genetic material or traces of DNA on the suitcase or at crime scene



PRIME SUSPECT . . . Afghan boxer and small-boat migrant Sharif Ahmadzai will appear in court tomorrow

ATHENA PICTURE AGENCY

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e told yesterday that police had sted a 26-year-old Afghan nat-l, who admitted transporting Elis-h in a bag to an abandoned ding. Greek cops later confirmed the suspect was in custody on rges of intentional homicide, rob- and violating weapons law, with ils to be finalised.

eorge Kalliakmanis, of the Attica ce Officers Union, said officers e working on the theory that Elis-h was killed in her apartment then dragged to the crime scene. e added: "Once there, he realised suitcase he used would likely con- his fingerprints, so he transferred the body into a second suitcase, trying to be more careful. He still used her phone to send messages to her friends and acquaintances."

Other messages sent to Lisa's family members claimed she "needed time to herself" and "wanted to be alone for a while".

A post on her Facebook declared she planned to go to Turkey.

Lisa's aunt, Anne Bangham, said of her death: "It is horrific. She was such a beautiful, loving and kind young lady. She had not long arrived there to work."

Greek FBI investigators joined forces with the National Crime Agency, Interpol, Police Scotland and authorities in the US to work the case.

Autopsy results have yet to determine an exact time or date of death.

However, it is believed Elisabeth was suffocated. While critical tests have been fast-tracked, the results could take "weeks" because the body was in an advanced state of decay.

Officers estimated the remains had been decomposing for between five and seven days.

It is believed the killer had been careful to leave no fingerprints, genetic material or traces of DNA on the suitcase or at the crime scene.

There was a lack of visible injuries on Lisa's body and no clear signs of a struggle. A Greek officer told The Sun: "To find a foreign national dead in a suitcase is a first."

A spokesman for police in Greece added: "We are awaiting the results of the toxicology tests to determine the cause of death and ascertain whether foul play was involved, as this was not clarified by the initial examination of the body."

MINISTRY WORK . . . Ahmadzai and his American wife, Alaina Hall

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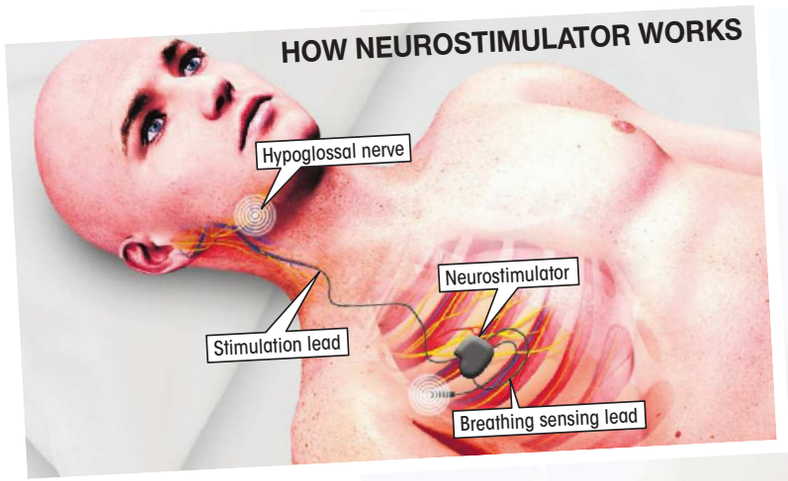

By EMMA PRYER

HALF an hour into his working day, Jeremy Holme already needed a nap.

Spending most of his time on the road, he was fuelled by caffeine, but would pull into motorway services for a kip, later collapsing on the sofa at 4pm.

The 57-year-old engineer, from near Warrington, Cheshire, later discovered the reason – obstructive sleep apnoea, a condition estimated to affect up to ten million people in the UK.

It would pause his breathing 55 times an hour while he slept, starving his brain of oxygen and causing exhausting symptoms the next day.

Today, however, the dad-of-two says he feels like a new man thanks to a pioneering NHS implant.

Not only has it transformed his sleep, but it has helped him lose weight, reignited passion in the bedroom with partner Tracey, 51, and given him the energy to enjoy life again.

The device, called Inspire, works like a pacemaker.

It monitors his breathing and, every time Jeremy takes a breath, a gentle pulse moves the tongue and prevents it from collapsing backwards, blocking the airway during sleep – a key reason sleep apnoea occurs.

'It sounds dramatic but I felt reborn'

Jeremy is one of around 85 people in the UK currently using the implant, with 135,000 benefiting globally.

"It sounds dramatic, but I felt reborn," he tells Sun Health.

"The difference after that first night was like black and white.

"I slept for nine hours and, for the first time in years, it genuinely felt like I'd slept for nine hours."

Before his diagnosis in August 2020, Jeremy was constantly exhausted – a symptom of the condition, alongside headaches, lack of focus and mood swings.

His job involved driving around 25,000 miles a year, testing electrical appliances for safety.

"My memory was failing," he says.

"I'd put a postcode into my phone and, by the time I'd walked to the van 30 seconds later to enter it into the sat-nav, I'd forgotten it."

Jeremy regularly had to stop at motorway services to sleep, adding: "I looked knackered. I had bloodshot eyes and bags under my eyes.

"I'd walk through the door, sit on the sofa and be asleep within seconds."

As his energy levels plummeted, so did his motivation to exercise.

"I used to do 50 press-ups every day and that all stopped," he says.

"My muscle tone disappeared and I started putting on weight because I just didn't have the energy.

"I felt like a distant dad – like an ornament in the room. There'd be family conversations going on, and I'd think, 'I just can't do this'. Not because I didn't care, but because I was so tired."

It was a previous partner who first realised something was wrong with Jeremy's snoring.

He says: "She told me I could go 30 seconds without breathing and she'd end up giving me a nudge to get me started again."

She also noticed his snoring had become much worse – one of the most common signs of sleep apnoea.

Jeremy's GP referred him to a sleep clinic for tests, which revealed he had obstructive sleep apnoea, the most common form. In people with OSA, the tongue muscles and surrounding tissues relax during sleep.

When the tongue falls back, the upper airway closes and breathing stops for longer than ten seconds. The resulting lack of oxygen leads to frequent waking.

Patients may choke, gasp or take a large breath at intervals in the night, as well as snore. Jeremy believes the cause of his OSA is a broad neck. Other causes include obesity, smoking and sleeping on your back.

Left unchecked, OSA can be a silent killer, leading to other issues, including heart problems.

Jeremy says: "Results showed I was stopping breathing 55 times an hour."

Jeremy was prescribed a CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) machine, which delivers a

30+ 'breathing pauses' per hour is severe OSA

THE SNORE CURE... Jeremy had an Inspire implant fitted

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I've lost 2.5st and got sex life back after implant stopped me from snoring

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS ... is your partner's snoring keeping you awake?

steady stream of air through a mask to keep the airway open during sleep.

It's the gold-standard treatment, but Jeremy struggled with it.

"I was overjoyed when I got it because I thought, 'Great, I'm finally going to get a decent night's sleep'," he revealed.

"I'd seen it work for Dad (who also has OSA), who is still leading a very active life.

"But it just wasn't for me. I had this piece of technology that was supposed to help me sleep, but it kept waking me up."

'We used to do Top Gun impressions'

Despite trying four different masks, he continued to struggle and it became a running joke with him and his then-partner.

"We used to do Top Gun impressions because I sounded like Maverick in the cockpit," he says.

"It wasn't exactly attractive."

Determined to find another solution, Jeremy started researching alternatives online and came across Inspire therapy, which was introduced on the NHS in 2023.

In November 2024, Jeremy underwent surgery at one of the UK's specialist Inspire centres at Trafford General Hospital in Greater Manchester.

The procedure took less than two hours. A small device, around the size of a watch face, was implanted beneath the skin below his collarbone.

One lead monitors breathing while another stimulates the hypoglossal nerve, which controls tongue movement.

By gently moving the tongue forward during sleep, it prevents the airway from becoming blocked. Inspire is currently available at 16 treatment centres across England, based within hospitals.

Patients who are already using, or have tried, CPAP, have moderate-to-severe OSA and are managed by an NHS respiratory medicine or sleep medicine department can request a referral and be considered.

According to Ed Holyoak, regional director for Inspire Medical Systems, patients are overjoyed at the results.

He said: "We have people who just want to shout from the rooftops about it. Our satisfaction rates are above 90 per cent which, for a medical procedure, is huge.

"The vast majority of patients prefer it to CPAP."

Jeremy says the procedure didn't hurt, but his neck was swollen for several weeks. The device was activated six weeks after the op and, using a handheld remote control, Jeremy switched it on before going to sleep beside Tracey.

The next morning changed everything.

"Tracey said, 'Well?' and I got emotional," he says. "Even talking about it now gives me goosebumps."

And Jeremy's renewed energy quickly spilled over into other areas of his life.

Before treatment, tiredness had driven unhealthy habits and Jeremy reached 17st.

'I definitely have more energy for romance now'

He says: "When you're just trying to survive the day, you don't care what you're eating.

"I was drinking loads of coffee and constantly snacking.

"I got my motivation back and started exercising again. I lost about two-and-a-half stone in one year."

He adds: "I'm much more present with my family now. We have proper conversations around the dinner table.

"There was a time when my daughter would invite me to school events and I'd think, 'If I have to'. Now, she doesn't even ask. She just gets me a ticket because she knows I'll be there."

His relationship with partner Tracey, an NHS worker, has improved, too.

"Whenever Tracey suggests doing something now, the answer isn't, 'No' or, 'I can't be bothered'," he says.

And there's another unexpected benefit.

"When I get into bed and don't switch the implant on straight away, that's become a bit of a signal these days – a sign there might be some romance on the cards," he laughs.

"I definitely have more energy for romance now.

"I've always had a healthy appetite for bedroom activities, but now I've actually got the energy to go with it.

"So I've got a very happy partner."

For Jeremy, the impact has been immeasurable.

"I can't tell anyone else it will change their life, but it has definitely changed mine," he says.

"I'd tell anyone interested to speak to their sleep specialist.

"If I couldn't have had this on the NHS, knowing what I know now, I'd have remortgaged my house for it.

"It's completely changed my life."

DEALING WITH SLEEP APNOEA

Dr Allie Hare, consultant in sleep medicine at Guy's and St Thomas' Specialist Care in London, says . . .

SLEEP apnoea causes oxygen levels in the blood to drop repeatedly during the night, disrupting sleep.

Sufferers can therefore have very disturbed sleep, waking feeling as though they haven't slept well and can be tired and sleepy in the daytime.

If left untreated, people with significant sleep apnoea can be at increased risk of problems with heart disease, strokes and car accidents.

The Sleep Apnoea Trust estimates that one in six Brits has the condition, though around 80 per cent of these are undiagnosed.

For many people, sleep apnoea is caused by increased weight in their neck area due to obesity.

However, people can also have sleep apnoea without being obese – large tonsils, for example, make the airway more narrow.

It is very important to carefully consider the right treatment for the individual.

The most effective treatments for sleep apnoea include weight loss, CPAP therapy, specialised mouthguards and nerve stimulator treatments, such as Inspire.

If CPAP is the right treatment, plenty of support and troubleshooting should be provided.

People with sleep apnoea should avoid online "quick fixes" like mouth taping (which can be dangerous) and nose strips.

My top tips are:

1. Maintain a healthy weight. Snoring and sleep apnoea both tend to worsen if we gain weight, especially around the neck area.
2. Avoid alcohol and medicines which make you sleepy as these can worsen sleep apnoea.
3. Ensure you have enough sleep at night – between seven and nine hours per night.
4. See your doctor early if you are snoring very loudly, people report you stop breathing in your sleep and/or you wake often at night.

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Expert advice from **Dr Zoe Williams,** our very own resident specialist and practising NHS GP

DRY eyes might be bothering you more this season, thanks to the summer heat, dry air and air conditioning. It happens when the tear film breaks down and can get very uncomfortable, but it rarely requires a hospital trip.

Data shows there are around 780,000 visits to A&E each year for conditions like dry eyes and conjunctivitis.

But almost half could be avoided if everyone had equal access to high street optometrists.

While a postcode lottery leaves many stuck, I would advise anyone to try and see a high-street optician, who can diagnose and treat you.

If cost is a barrier, check if you can get free NHS eye tests – under-16s, over-60s and people with diabetes are among those who are eligible.

You only need an eye test every two years, the NHS says, unless you need to visit for symptoms. Pharmacists can advise on over-the-counter eye drops or gels.

Here's a selection of readers' questions this week . . .

Got a question for Dr Zoe? Email her at health@thesun.co.uk

I FEEL HOT ALL THE TIME

Q I WAS given sertraline 14 weeks ago after losing my mum and, since then, I have been feeling rough all the time.

I understand that any medication may come with side-effects but I feel like I am hot inside all the time. I am 67.

My doctor, who didn't seem to be aware of this symptom, has advised me to come off them by having one every other day for the first week, then one every three days for the second, then stopping.

Is this safe? I am awaiting the results of a blood test and also have anxiety issues.

A I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your mum – it is understandable that your anxiety symptoms may worsen during this time.

Feeling hot inside, sweating more, suffering nausea, disturbed sleep, shakiness or feeling "wired" can happen to some people who are prescribed sertraline, which is a type of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor.

Anxiety itself can also cause waves of heat, so it can be difficult to separate the medicine from the condition.

Some medicines, including SSRIs such as sertraline, can make people more vulnerable in hot weather.

They may increase sweating or affect your temperature regulation, so in the summer months, it is important to keep cool, drink regularly and seek medical advice if you feel unusually unwell. You are right to have arranged blood tests, as feeling hot all the time can also be linked to infection, thyroid problems, blood sugar changes, anaemia, inflammation, dehydration, low sodium or other medication effects.

If your doctor has advised reducing sertraline gradually, then follow their instructions and don't stop suddenly.

Coming off any medicine too quickly can sometimes cause dizziness, nausea, headaches, poor sleep, mood changes, anxiety or odd "electric shock" sensations.

Keep in touch with your GP while you are gradually reducing the dose, especially if your symptoms worsen or your anxiety becomes difficult to manage.

Make sure you seek urgent medical advice if you develop a very high temperature, confusion, severe agitation, muscle stiffness, diarrhoea, a racing heart, fainting, or feel seriously unwell.

Q WHY do I get very dark markings on the back of my hands and up my arms?

Some purplish blemishes are starting to appear on my legs as well. My skin tears easily on my hands and also bleeds badly.

A Thank you for sending the photo, from which I can see the marks are very visible.

You don't say your age, but one likely explanation for purple marks on the backs of the hands and arms is actinic purpura, sometimes called senile purpura.

It is a common condition, especially with age and long-term sun exposure.

Over time, the skin on the hands and forearms becomes thinner and more fragile.

The tiny blood vessels underneath can break after minor knocks – sometimes so minor that you don't even remember them.

This can lead to dark purple bruising, fragile skin and tears that can be painful, take longer to heal and be hard to manage.

It often affects the backs of the hands and arms first, but similar bruising can appear on the legs, too.

However, because you say the marks are spreading and your skin bleeds for ages, I would advise booking in for a GP review.

Your doctor might want to check your medication list – especially aspirin, clopidogrel, warfarin, apixaban, rivaroxaban, steroid tablets or steroid creams, as these can make bruising or skin thinning worse.

They may also consider carrying out blood tests, including a full blood count, platelets, liver function and clotting tests, particularly if the bruising is increasing or appearing without injury.

To protect the skin, moisturise regularly, wear gloves for gardening or housework, consider tops with long sleeves and treat skin tears promptly with gentle cleaning and a non-stick dressing.

Seek urgent medical advice if you start developing nosebleeds, blood in your urine or poo, black stools, widespread tiny red or purple spots, very large unexplained bruises or bleeding that will not stop.

Actinic purpura itself is not usually dangerous, but new or worsening bruising should always be checked by a medical professional.

Iron tablets are making my wife ill

Q MY wife has been put on iron tablets (ferrous fumarate 210mg) because she is anaemic, but they make her sick.

Is there an alternative, or a supplement she could take? She is a type 2 diabetic, for which she injects Trulicity weekly.

At the hospital, she had a capsule camera put in her body to look for bleeds, but they found none.

A It is completely reasonable to ask about alternatives if the tablets make her feel sick. The priority is always to understand why someone is anaemic.

It sounds as though she has already had some bowel investigations, including a capsule camera, which is reassuring. But if anaemia keeps returning, her GP may still want to review other causes, including diet, absorption problems such as coeliac disease, inflammation, kidney disease and whether any medicines could contribute.

Ferrous fumarate 210mg is a commonly prescribed iron tablet, but nausea, stomach pain, constipation, diarrhoea and vomiting can happen.

Taking it with food may make it easier to tolerate – although slightly less iron may be absorbed into the body.

Some people do better with a lower dose, taking iron on alternate days, or switching to a different preparation such as ferrous gluconate or liquid iron, so it is worth asking a pharmacist or your GP which option best fits her blood results.

Over-the-counter "gentle iron" supplements or iron sprays may be easier to tolerate, but they may not be strong enough to correct significant anaemia.

Diabetes and Trulicity are also relevant because GLP-1 medicines can cause nausea or upset stomachs.

If she cannot tolerate any oral iron, there are other options – including iron given by infusion – but this would usually be considered further down the line.

She shouldn't simply struggle with feeling sick, though. Ask your GP to review the cause, dose and formulation.

TIP of the WEEK

ONE in ten people will be affected by kidney stones during their lifetime – and we sometimes see a peak at this time of year.

If you have a history of kidney stones, try drinking three litres of water a day with fresh lemon juice to prevent calcium crystals clumping together in your urinary tract.

CANCER RISK CONCERN

UP to 95 per cent of young women considered at risk of breast cancer are not being detected by the NHS, analysis suggests.

In England, women at a higher risk of the disease are referred by their GP for further assessment. This is based on family history, and criteria set by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE).

But, University of Cambridge researchers who analysed data from 1,258 women under 50, found that NICE criteria is missing up to 95 per cent of at-risk women who go on to develop the disease within ten years.

The experts used a new tool, called Boadicea, which identified eight times as many women. It led to 26.5 per cent being classed as high-risk and referred for assessment, including almost 35 per cent of women under 50 who develop it within a decade.

Meanwhile, the current NICE criteria would result in 1.4 per cent women being referred for tests, including 4.4 per cent who go on to develop breast cancer.

Researcher Dr Juliet Usher-Smith said: "We need to get better at identifying women at the highest risk of breast cancer so that we can intervene early, when there are more options for preventing their disease.

"It's time to look again at these criteria in the light of our findings." But NICE said "current evidence does not warrant a change to our existing familial breast cancer guideline at this time".

In the UK, breast cancer is one of the leading causes of death in women under the age of 50.

CHECK . . . Be alert for symptoms

'SOCIALS HYPE AUTISM'

THE autism spectrum may be "too broad" as people self-diagnose via social media, a leading expert has said.

Professor Uta Frith said the definition has "widened" to include people with "milder traits" who do not have learning or language difficulties.

The scientist blamed social media hype and a craze for using medical labels to explain away "everyday life problems".

She also warned the diagnosis explosion means severe cases risk being ignored or completely misunderstood.

Autism affects the way people communicate and experience the world, affecting thinking, learning, attention, and response to sounds, smells, tastes and light.

Some autistic people may have learning disabilities, while others may have above-average intelligence. Prof Frith added: "Today, anyone of any age or intelligence level can be diagnosed with autism if they meet certain criteria. Autism is no longer just a medical term – it has become part of popular culture."

It is estimated that around one million people in the UK have autism, with roughly 240,000 on NHS waiting lists for assessment. Reacting to the claims, Mel Merritt, head of policy and influencing at the National Autistic Society, said: "Autism is understood as a spectrum.

"Today we understand the spectrum to mean each autistic person has a unique combination of characteristics.

"Terms such as 'milder traits' may be misleading in reflecting the difficulties and impact of navigating daily life for so many."

dear deidre

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I'm addicted to no-strings sex

Dear Deidre

AFTER a few drinks at the weekends, I trawl massage parlours asking if they offer "happy endings". It's rinsing my bank account.

I'm single so I'm not hurting anyone and, the truth is, I don't want a relationship but I love sex.

I've had relationships with women before, but as soon as things develop from casual dating to hints about marriage and kids, I clam up.

My parents have admitted they never wanted children.

I was a "surprise pregnancy" for my mum at 43.

My childhood was awful, with my parents yelling at one another, or me.

They were always trying to get rid of me. I saw how other kids' families were and mine just wasn't the same.

I taught myself to be independent and I couldn't wait to leave home.

Mum and Dad were delighted when I moved out, having set up my own successful business.

Although I'm financially stable, I don't want a wife or partner. I go out most Friday and Saturday nights. I'm 32 and my mates are now starting to settle down.

One evening when no one was free, I looked for escort services and I hooked up with a lovely woman of 35.

It cost me dinner and the agency fee and then I paid her privately for sex. No strings. It felt great. Now I pay for sex whenever I can. Last weekend I was in London for a mate's stag do.

After getting separated from the group, I got a cab to an area that is known for its massage parlours to get my fix.

The thing is, I wouldn't dream of doing this when I'm sober, but when I'm drinking, having sex is all I can think about.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Your deeply unhappy childhood tainted your view of loving families, making it hard to imagine a kind relationship.

You run when people get close, fearing abandonment.

But with help, you can change and allow people in.

If a partner wants to rush you into marriage, they are perhaps not right for you, but if you are both on the same page and go at your pace, you can find peace and fulfilment.

Watch for triggers that change your behaviour.

Cut down on your drinking because your impulsive need for sex only stands to leave you empty and lonely.

My support pack, Addicted To Sex, explains more and will show you where to find emotional support.

dear deidre

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LIVE Chat

PARENTS WILL FLIP OVER HER

Dear Deidre

WHEN my parents meet my new girlfriend, they might go into meltdown. She's ten years older than me with a son of eight.

I'm 26 and my parents don't agree with sex before marriage, never mind dating somebody who has a child. I don't imagine they're ready to be grandparents just yet.

But my girlfriend is the love of my life. We met at work and there was an instant connection. She's kind and loving and our sex life is great.

She wants me to move in with her and her son.

His father did a runner as soon as she announced she was pregnant and I'm her first long-term relationship.

We've been seeing one another for eight months.

My parents' 30th wedding anniversary is coming up and they are having a small family party at home.

I would love to take my girlfriend and her son along, but they may blow a fuse.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Talk to them before the party to help damage limitation.

Explain you've found somebody really special, who makes you happy.

Soften their mood, saying their relationship is your benchmark, you would love their blessing and for them to meet your girlfriend and her son.

Children have a way of lightening the atmosphere so perhaps they'll not react as you think, but if they do, the important people here are you and your girlfriend.

My support pack, Age-Gaps – Do They Matter?, will ensure you are forearmed to bat away any negative questions.

I NEED TO ESCAPE MY NASTY MUM

Dear Deidre

I DON'T know why I bother with my mother. She's a nasty, bad-tempered control freak.

She used to be abusive. She would shout and scream and hit me. We had a little flat and she'd bring men back and have sex with them when I was sleeping in the same bed.

My upbringing was so awful that I left home at 16 for a job that provided accommodation and I didn't speak to Mum for five years.

She's 43 now and I'm a 25-year-old woman. We resumed contact after my Nan died – but I told Mum that we couldn't go back to how it was and that if she started shouting, I'd be off. She agreed. But now, if she doesn't get her own way about something, she bursts into tears and I'm guilt-tripped into giving in to her.

I would happily walk away again but she doesn't have anyone else.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: You're on that emotional rollercoaster of hope that she'll change, then disappointed when she doesn't.

She's damaged, my guess is from her own unhappy childhood.

When she starts on you, you are transported back to being that scared little girl.

Keep your contact with her to a minimum, only ensuring she has what she needs.

Encourage her to talk to her doctor about finding some therapy.

Show her my support pack How Counselling Can Help.

hot topic

FEW things are as painful as discovering your partner has been unfaithful.

The betrayal can leave you feeling hurt, confused, and unsure whether you'll be able to trust them again.

Deciding what to do next isn't easy, but you don't have to face it alone.

If you are struggling to process a betrayal, my support pack, Cheating – Can You Get Over It?, can help.

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CONTINUES TOMORROW

Dear Deidre

IF my daughter doesn't clean up her act next school term, I am scared she will end up in a young offenders' institution.

She's 14 and she's in with a bad crowd. That said, she has always been a nightmare, even as a young child.

I'm her mum and I'm 36. Her dad was violent but I got rid of him when she was 18 months old, so I don't think this is learned behaviour.

I am a fairly strict parent. I have boundaries but I can be flexible and I'm always fair. Her brother is 17 and has never been any bother.

Sometimes I have to send her to my mother's so we can have a break from one another.

I can't control her. She will kick and punch me and she smashes up my possessions. She realises that she has anger issues but there's often no warning. The slightest thing can see her go into melt-down.

She is already at a school for kids that have behavioural issues. Can you help?

TEEN DAUGHTER IS A NIGHTMARE

■ DEIDRE SAYS: I hope so. Her anger issues may have come from childhood even though you thought she was too young.

Even babies can pick up tension between parents.

She sounds very unhappy and unstable and, although she tests you, she needs to know you will not give up on her.

Her friendship groups may not be helping but have you considered that she might be neurodiverse?

Sensory overload can often cause lashing out, sometimes due to autism or ADHD.

Her school may be able to assist with testing.

She's at an age where she may be able to explain why she gets upset. Gently talk to her about why she's unhappy. Does she feel that she doesn't fit in, for instance?

You can find support via the National Autistic Society (autism.org.uk) and Young Minds (youngminds.org.uk, 0808 802 5544).

My support pack Troubled Teenagers shows alternative sources of help.

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Tuesday

Sun TV 4-PAGE SECTION

TV GUIDE

BBC ONE

6am Breakfast (S)
9.30 Animal Park (R,S)
10.15 Trace, Track, Get My Car Back A shipping container is found crammed with stolen cars. (R,S)
10.45 Expert Witness (R,S)
11.15 Homes Under The Hammer The team visits properties in Kent, Cumbria and Derby. (S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt Natasha Raskin Sharp heads to Abernyte, near Dundee. (R,S)
1.00 BBC News (S)
2.00 Money For Nothing Jacqui saves a massage bed and a dining set from the skip. (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country Nicki Chapman is on the hunt for a Pembrokeshire property with a holiday let. (R,S)
3.45 The Bidding Room Featuring a teapot, toy tools, barrels, a model caravan and a decorative bust. (R,S)
4.30 The Answer Run Quiz show hosted by Jason Manford. (S)
5.15 Pointless Quiz hosted by Alexander Armstrong and guest co-host Ria Lina. (R,S)
6.00 BBC News (S)
6.30 Regional News (S)

8pm Sophie Willan celebrates Mexican fashion on The Great British Sewing Bee

7.00 The One Show Alex Jones and Lauren Laverne present reports and chat. (S)
7.30 EastEnders Ravi pushes Priya for answers about her mystery man, and Lauren tries to deflect Peter's questions. (S)
8.00 The Great British Sewing Bee (4/10) Sophie Willan presents as the show celebrates the fashion of Mexico. The pattern challenge sees the sewers create a folkloric top, using fabrics created by indigenous communities in Mexico's Oaxaca region. For the transformation, they use a tablecloth to create a garment with an eye-catching structure, before coming up with a made-to-measure outfit inspired by one of the many Mexican festivals found across the country. Patrick Grant and Esme Young are joined by guest judge Erika Alvarez. (S)
9.00 Murder 24/7 (5/8) The first of a two-part investigation into the 2025 murder of 54-year-old Hereford man Jamie Gawler, found in his flat having being beaten to death. Continues tomorrow. (S)
10.00 BBC News (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.40 Robin Hood FILM An archer returning from the crusades faces a plot by a traitorous knight. Medieval adventure with Russell Crowe. (2010) ✪✪✪ (S) Followed by **Weather For The Week Ahead**
12.55-6am BBC News (S)

BBC TWO

6.30 am Bargain Hunt (R,S)
7.15 The Bidding Room (R,S)
8.00 Sign Zone: The Great British Sewing Bee (R,S,SL)
9.00 BBC News (S)
1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (R,S)
1.30 The Finish Line Quiz game show hosted by Roman Kemp and Sarah Greene. (R,S)
2.15 Do You Know Your Place? The quiz heads to Cardiff as Vernon Kay, with Paul Gorton in tow, tests Anneka Rice, Shane Todd and Remi Burgz on their UK knowledge. (R,S)
2.45 Cricket: The Hundred LIVE Sunrisers Leeds Women v London Spirit Women. Coverage of the match which is taking place at Headingley. The Sunrisers, known previously as Northern Superchargers, claimed an eight-wicket victory when these teams met at Lord's in last season's competition, with Phoebe Litchfield's 55 not out from 38 balls proving to be decisive and earning her the player of the match award. Start-time at **3.00**. (S)

9.30pm Lestat's band falls apart in The Vampire Lestat: Interview With The Vampire

6.00 Cricket: The Hundred LIVE Sunrisers Leeds Men v London Spirit Men. From Headingley. Zak Crawley top-scored for the then-known Northern Superchargers with 55 not out from 38 balls, as he inspired his team to an eight-wicket win over today's opponents at Lord's in last season's competition. The Leeds-based outfit went on to reach the Eliminator, but the contest was rained off, with Trent Rockets advancing at their expense due to having a better position in the round-robin stage. Start-time at **6.30**. (S)
9.30 The Vampire Lestat: Interview With The Vampire (2/7) An illicit old ally of Lestat's boards the dazed band's tour bus, while some familiar faces await at their next stop. (S)
10.15 It Happened To Me: I Was Jailed In Japan For Ketamine (2/6) The story of a British woman whose addiction to ketamine led to five months in a Japanese prison. (S)
10.30 Newsnight With Victoria Derbyshire. (S) Followed by **Weather**
11.05 The Last Bus FILM A pensioner whose wife has just passed away travels from Britain's most northerly point of John O'Groats to his original home town at its most southerly point, Land's End, using his free bus pass. Drama with Timothy Spall. (2021) ✪✪✪✪ (S)
12.30 am-1.30am Sign Zone: Uncanny (R,S,SL)

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6am Good Morning Britain (S)
10.00 This Morning A mix of celebrity chat, lifestyle features, advice and competitions. (S)
1.30 ITV News (S)
1.55 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and his team of experts are in Crewe, where Fay Rutter assesses some timepieces and Stewart Hofgartner spies a gem in a boy's toy collection. (R,S)
3.00 Deal Or No Deal Stephen Mulhern hosts as a contestant tries to open the 22 red boxes in the right order, taking on the infamous Banker for the chance to win a life-changing cash prize. (R,S) Followed by **Local Weather**
4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz show in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (R,S)
5.00 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants take on a ruthless Chaser. (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.30 ITV News (S)

8pm Noah is pensive about breaking some news to his mum in Emmerdale

7.30 Inside The Langham: Britain's First Grand Hotel (3/6) The hostelry's CEO arrives in London from head office in Hong Kong to inspect one of the hotel's most ambitious renovations yet. Maureen Lipman narrates. (S)
8.00 Emmerdale Cain is emotional as he decides now is the time, Noah is pensive, and Nicola makes a worrying discovery. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Dylan ends up unconscious after a confrontation with Brody, Ross changes his story regarding Cassie's departure, and Ronnie confides in James. (S)
9.00 Cold Case Forensics: A Death On The Nile (2/3) Forensic scientist Dr Angela Gallop and her team investigate the mysterious, sudden death of a British solicitor while on a romantic holiday in Egypt. Nicola Walker narrates. (S)
10.00 ITV News At Ten (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.45 Bad Boys II FILM Two mismatched undercover cops set out to stop a drug lord flooding the market with a deadly form of Ecstasy. Comedy thriller sequel starring Will Smith, Martin Lawrence, Gabrielle Union, Jordi Molla and Peter Stormare. (2003) ✪✪✪✪ (S)
1.10 Shop On TV 3.00 The Summit (R,S,SL) **3.50** Unwind With ITV (S) **5.05-6am** Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace (R,S,SL)

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6.30 am The King Of Queens (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Three episodes. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Henry Cole and Simon O'Brien head to Pembrokeshire, where they come across a stack of sheds crammed with classic cars, motorbikes and tractors. (R,S)
1.10 The Great House Giveaway Annie and Sherri-Leigh buy a house in the Welsh Valleys at auction and then have six months to renovate it before trying to sell it for a profit. Simon O'Brien presents. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun (R,S)
4.00 Saving Country Houses With Penelope Keith Transforming a house in the Cotswolds. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY Trish tries to rebuild a bridge over a stream with no DIY experience. (R,S)
6.00 American Pickers Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz discover a fleet of concept cars. (R,S)

8pm Hotel Chocolat Unwrapped finds the chocolatier preparing for a store launch

7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 Hotel Chocolat Unwrapped Chocolatier Yodi dreams up some limited edition drinking chocolate flavours, and founder Angus pulls out all the stops during the countdown to the opening of the Chicago store. (S)
9.00 Celebrity Hunted Two of the competitors drop in on a celebrity colleague to wish them a happy birthday – only to land themselves in potential trouble as they organise their escape. Another pair make a bold move by going on TV to promote their new show. Are they at risk of being nabbed live on air? In Brighton, two of the famous fugitives are cracking jokes but the hunters plan to have the last laugh. (S)
10.00 Gogglebox The regulars share their views on The Celebrity Traitors, Game of Wool: Britain's Best Knitter, Trigger Point, Hunted, Hamza's Hidden Wild Isles and ITV News coverage of the diminution of Prince Andrew to Andrew Mountbatten Windsor. (R,S)
11.05 Secret Lives Of Gypsy Wives The family host bonfire night in memory of their dad Sid. (R,S)
12.05 Naked Attraction (R,S) **1.05** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (R,S,SL) **1.55** FILM Breakthrough. Fact-based drama starring Chrissy Metz. (2019) ✪✪✪ (S,SL) **3.50** Couples Come Dine With Me (R,S,SL) **4.45** The Piano (R,S,SL) **5.40** Find It, Fix It, Flog It (R,S) **5.50-6.30am** Countdown (R,S)

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6am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion and debate. (S)
12.45 5 News (S)
12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money. (S)
2.15 A Murder In Venice When FILM her new roommate goes missing in Italy, an art student teams up with her aunt to save her friend. Thriller starring Sophie Hopkins. (2023) ✪✪✪ (S)
4.00 Castle The team investigate the murder of a TV actress, while Castle is hired by the show's star to follow the case from a different angle. (R,S)
4.55 Love Nature Cameras focus on Eryri National Park in North Wales. (R,S)
5.00 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.00 Majorca: A Year In The Sun Cameras focus on Majorca as a hub for superyachts, and also Simon Jones, a former chef, who runs a luxury catering company.(R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**

9pm The Victorians With Rob Rinder And Ruth Goodman explores railway mania

7.00 The Yorkshire Vet: At Home With The Greens (2/4) Jean gets to see her farm from above when Peter Wright takes her on a helicopter ride, while the Greens receive a visit from an estate agent. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**
8.00 Inside Longleat There are some unexpected visitors in Longleat garden, and the cameras are primed to investigate which mammal has made more progress in the waterways in 12 months than humans have in 30. Dr James Ford visits the Tower of London on a mission from Lord and Lady Bath to find out why their ancestor and builder of Longleat House, Sir John Thynne, was nearly executed at the Tower of London not once, but twice. (S)
9.00 The Victorians With Rob Rinder And Ruth Goodman Rob Rinder and Ruth Goodman team up to discover how some of history's most famous events were experienced by the rich and by the poor. (S)
10.30 Manhunt: Search for the Cop Killer The police manhunt to find Barry Prudom in 1982. (R,S)
12.05 The Cannibal Next Door (R,S) **1.00** Teleshopping (R,S) **2.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S) **2.50** Castle (R,S) **3.40** Friends (R,S) **4.30** The Highland Vet (R,S,SL) **5.25** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **5.35** Milo (R,S, SL) **5.45-6am** The Adventures Of Paddington (R,S,SL)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS S4C: **6am** Cyw **10.00** Blociau Lliw **10.05** Twm Twrch **10.15** Help Llaw **10.30** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2026 **12.00** Newyddion S4C **12.05** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2026 **2.00** Newyddion S4C **2.05** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2026 **4.00** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2026 **5.00** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2026 **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **7.50** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 2026 **10.15** Y Babell Lên 2026 **10.45-11.50pm** Iaith Ar Daith BBC ONE NORTH WEST: **1.35-1.45pm** North West Today; Weather

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CELEBRATION . . . presenters

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Still vroom for Grand Tour 3

JEZZA & CO TO STAR IN REBOOTED SHOW

THREE very familiar petrolheads will join the new presenting trio when The Grand Tour returns next month.

Original hosts **JEREMY CLARKSON**, **RICHARD HAMMOND** and **JAMES MAY** will help provide a smooth and convivial transition as the Prime Video show reboots.

The trio, who presented the previous six series, will lend their support by joining the new hosts – YouTubers Thomas Holland and James Engelsman, who are known for their motoring content, along with train enthusiast Francis Bourgeois.

Co-creator and TV producer Andy Wilman said: "We've got three guys coming soon with a new Grand Tour and we've got behind them. We're really supporting them."

Andy, who is also executive producer of Clarkson's Farm, added: "Our guys are in the shows doing cameos, so we're wishing them well because we do want to pass that baton on."

TOP TEAM . . . Jeremy, James and Richard

Talking to 3Bs radio at the Buckingham Literary Festival, he explained: "When those three *(Clarkson and co)* go away, you can't parachute in three new, good presenters who are funny. That's like describing the show over the phone to an alien – 'you just need three funny blokes and they muck about'. It's not going to work."

But we know Jeremy approves of the newcomers being brought in for the seventh Grand Tour outing, which drops on September 4.

Unlike two recent Top Gear hosts, **FREDDIE FLINTOFF** and **PADDY McGUINNESS**, the new presenters are not celebrities.

Jezza has said previously: "There's no point hiring somebody who 'likes' cars. Because that's not enough.

"I would get three complete unknowns. Start small, like we did. They've got to be absolute petrolheads.

"I've got to be able to show them a picture of a quarter of a door mirror from any car ever made, and they've got to know what it is.

"That would be my advice."

Looks like they've listened, Jeremy.

CARELESS WHISKERS

DANNY DYER sports facial fuzz and an iconic Wham! T-shirt as he appears in a parade of floats for the second series of The Dyers' Caravan Park.

He was snapped doing a very loose impersonation of the late, great Careless Whisper singer **GEORGE MICHAEL**, alongside daughter **DANI**, at the Leysdown Carnival on Kent's Isle of Sheppey.

Others on the float were dressed as **ELTON JOHN** and **FREDDIE MERCURY**.

Danny and Dani have invested in the coastal village's Priory Hill Holiday Park, which featured in the first series of their Sky show last year.

The second season is due out in 2027, by which time we might have worked out who Dani was impersonating.

NICE ONE AS SHOW TURNS 20

THE ONE Show turns 20 on Friday, August 14, and its starry roster of hosts have scrubbed up to celebrate.

ALEX JONES has been on the BBC sofa for 15 years but reckons the programme could run and run.

She told the Radio Times: "There are fewer and fewer places where there's room for people to be celebrated alongside somebody doing a live performance.

"The show can move and adapt as society changes, so there's no reason why it won't be as relevant in 20 years' time as it is now."

Alex's co-hosts include ROMAN KEMP, JB GILL, CLARA AMFO, LAUREN LAVERNE, ANGELLICA BELL and VERNON KAY.

Editor Joanne Vaughan-Jones said: "We want guests who appeal to viewers of all ages. ANGELA RIPPON next to HUGH JACKMAN is one of the best pairings we've had!"

ITV has snapped up legal thriller The Rainmaker, based on crime writer **JOHN GRISHAM**'s best-seller. It kicks off with a double bill on ITV1 on September 4, with all ten episodes immediately available on ITVX. It sees rookie lawyer Rudy go head-to-head with courtroom lion Leo.

STEPH'S ART-FELT VIEWS

STEPH McGOVERN's new gig as host of art show The Big Deal is close to her heart as her father was a sculptor.

So she's passionate about the fact the new BBC Two series challenges snootiness around the sector.

She told the Radio Times: "I hate any snobbery around art – who's to say who is an artist and who isn't?

ART . . . host

"People have trolled me, saying I can't be working-class if my dad was an artist. That's ridiculous, and we challenge that in this show.

"Dad defied the odds – his dad was a boxer, he was working-class, there wasn't a pathway to being an artist, but he railed against all that."

The contest, which starts on August 13, follows seven pairs of amateur art enthusiasts as they try to spot new talent and convince buyers to invest.

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ROMCOM JOY FOR ARTHUR

AN actor with a serious showbiz pedigree will feature in the upcoming romcom about landmark book The Joy Of Sex.

In one of his first major roles, ARTHUR CONTI will play the young version of Dr Alex Comfort, who created the lovemaking guide.

His mum is comedian and ventriloquist NINA CONTI, and his gran KARA WILSON played art teacher Miss Gordon on Grange Hill.

ROLE . . Conti

His grandfather is stage and screen veteran TOM CONTI, who played ALBERT EINSTEIN in 2023 movie Oppenheimer.

No pressure then, Arthur.

COLIN FIRTH portrays the older version of the academic, while LAURA LINNEY and JULIANNE MOORE play his wife Ruth and her best friend Jane – Dr Alex's mistress, who he later weds.

DAVID TENNANT and JASON WATKINS are also in the cast. The pair previously appeared together in the true-crime drama Des.

PREGNANT I'm A Celeb star **VOGUE WILLIAMS** issued **JAMIE THEAKSTON** with a warning while standing in for his Heart Breakfast co-host **AMANDA HOLDEN**. She told him: "Please, whatever you do, don't tell me to take a nap. People can't stop telling me to go to bed and I can't take it any more."

DEVIL OF A TASK FOR JASE

THE rebooted Bergerac is returning for a third series on U, and this time new cast members will feature in the Jersey-based drama.

Joining the line-up is movie veteran JASON FLEMYNG as well as TESSA PEAKE-JONES, GEORGIA TENNANT and LEE INGLEBY.

NEW. . Flemyng

DAMIEN MOLONY will return to play the title role alongside ZOE WANAMAKER and ROBERT GILBERT.

The new six-parter sees Bergerac investigate his most shocking case yet, when his only significant lead in a suspicious death is a DNA match to Jersey's most notorious unsolved murder – the Devil's Hole case.

Unfortunately, the new series won't be available until next year.

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7pm The Catch Up **7.05** Deadly 60 **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Survivor Australia **11.50** Confessions Of A Steroid Gang **1.20-2.20am** Zara McDermott: Disordered Eating

BBC FOUR freeview 9

7pm Great British Railway Journeys **7.30** Wainwright Walks **8.00** To The Manor Born **8.30** Keeping Up Appearances **9.00** She-Wolves: England's Early Queens **10.00** Castles: Britain's Fortified History **11.00** Corridors Of Power: Should America Police The World? **1.00-2am** She-Wolves: England's Early Queens

ITV2 freeview 6

6am Backyard Builds **6.30** Dress To Impress **7.30** The Real Housewives Of Salt Lake City **8.20** The Real Housewives Of Orange County **9.20** The Only Way Is Essex **10.15** Dawson's Creek **11.10** Charmed **12.10** Deal Or No Deal **1.10** Supermarket Sweep **2.10** The Floor USA **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Salt Lake City **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Orange County **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** The Floor USA **8.00** The 1% Club **9.00** Olivia Attwood: The Price Of Perfection **10.00** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30** Plebs **1.55-2.20am** Deep Fake Neighbour Wars

ITV3 freeview 10

6am George And Mildred **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.10** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Poirot **11.30** Heartbeat **1.35** Midsomer Murders **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **5.15** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Vera **10.00** Grantchester **11.50** Trial & Retribution **1.25-2.25am** Wycliffe

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6am Magnum, PI **8.05** Dempsey And Makepeace **9.10** Boon **10.15** The Professionals **11.25** Robin Of Sherwood **12.30** Magnum, PI **2.35** Dempsey And Makepeace **3.45** Boon **4.50** The Professionals **5.55** Minder **7.00** The Motorbike Show **8.00** World Rally Championship Highlights **9.00** Ice Road Truckers **10.00** All Elite Wrestling: Collision **12.00** Dark Side Of The Ring **12.55** Minder **1.55-2.45am** BattleBots

E4 freeview 13

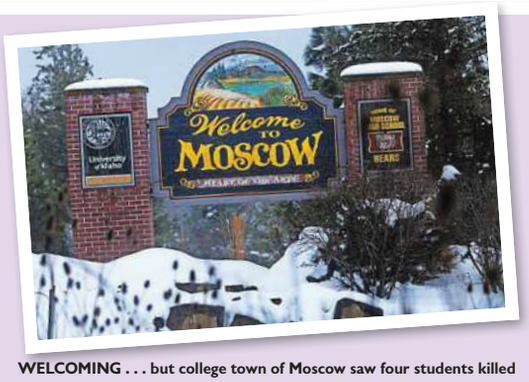
6am Hollyoaks **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Couples Come Dine With Me **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **11.00** Below Deck: Mediterranean **12.00** The Simpsons **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **6.30** Hollyoaks **7.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Vanderpump Rules **9.00** Below Deck Down Under **10.00** First Dates: Valentine's Special 2020 **11.00** Naked Attraction **12.05** Gogglebox **1.05-2.10am** Vanderpump Rules

MORE4 freeview 18

8.55am Heir Hunters **10.00** Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.50** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Oti And Richard's South African Odyssey. Oti and Richard meet a community of African penguins. **10.00** 24 Hours In A&E **12.10** 999: On The Front Line **1.15-2.20am** 24 Hours In A&E

SKY MIX freeview 11

7am Border Security: Canada's Front Line **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Nothing To Declare **11.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **12.00** Caught On Dashcam **1.00** Police 24/7



WELCOMING . . . but college town of Moscow saw four students killed

THE IDAHO MURDERS: COLLEGE NIGHTMARE

Netflix

THE streaming giant has nailed the formula when it comes to true crime.

But it feels crass to reduce the killing of four students to the analysis of a TV special. Madison Mogen, Kaylee Goncalves, Xana Kernodle and Ethan Chapin died in a stabbing spree when a masked killer raided their college digs in the town of Moscow, Idaho.

The case was shrouded in mystery and remains so, after the main suspect suddenly pleaded guilty weeks before he was due to stand trial in a plea deal that potentially spared his life. It has left the families of the tragic four struggling to find closure or a sense of justice.

Questions of taste aside, the twists and turns of this 2022 horror meant it was prime for a true-crime retelling.

As is often the Netflix way, you are drawn straight in with a shock and gore montage.

"I saw this guy in all black, in this mask, I didn't know what to do." She'd seen a man's silhouette. "I call him Demon."

The producers recreate text messages sent between two of the girls living in the doomed pad – 1122, King Street – to tell the tale of the intruder bursting in. It plunges you right into the action and their fear pours from the screen.

Then, next up in the tried and tested formula, come cast introductions. These come courtesy of the students' social media videos and immediately paint a picture of the close relationships, the vibrant personalities and cherished daughters and sons whose

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2.00 Nothing To Declare **4.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Stargate Universe **7.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation. Geordi is kidnapped by ruthless Romulans, who brainwash him. **8.00** Police 24/7 **9.00** FBI: International **11.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **12.00** Fantasy Island **1.00-2am** Police 24/7

More4 9pm Oti And Richard's South African Odyssey find the pair in Paternoster

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7.25am Top Gear **8.20** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.20** Rick Stein: From Venice To Istanbul **11.20** Yukon Gold **12.20** Top Gear **2.20** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **3.00** Martin Clunes: Islands Of America **4.00** Rick Stein: From Venice To Istanbul **6.00** Hairy Bikers' Best Of British **7.00** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **7.40** Would I Lie To You? **9.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **10.00** QI XL **11.00** Taskmaster **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40-2am** Would I Lie To You?

U&DRAMA freeview 20

7.20am The Bill **8.15** Doctors **9.25** Classic Holby City **10.45** Casualty **11.45** The Bill **12.45** Classic EastEnders **2.00** Neighbours **3.00** Pie In The Sky **4.05** Lovejoy **5.20** As Time Goes By **6.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** 'Allo 'Allo! **9.35** New Tricks **10.55** Luther **12.10** Lovejoy **1.20-2.25am** Sister Boniface Mysteries

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6am Celebrity Fantasy Homes **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Escape To The Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **11pm-2am** Help! My House Is Haunted

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6.10am Abandoned Engineering **8.00** Bangers & Cash **10.00** Secret Nazi Bases **11.00** Auschwitz: The Nazis And The Final Solution **12.20** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **3.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** Auschwitz: The Nazis And The Final Solution **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** The Green Planet. David Attenborough presents a guide to the world of plants that grow in water. **8.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **9.00** Bangers & Cash **10.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **11.00** Bangers & Cash **1.00-2am** Find It, Fix It, Flog It

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6.10am Property Brothers At Home **7.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: Celebrating 20 Years **11.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **1.00** Tipping Point **4.00** Property Brothers At Home **5.00** DIY SOS: Celebrating 20 Years **6.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** MasterChef Australia. Another 20 home cooks enter the MasterChef kitchen to compete for 10 aprons. **8.20** Nigella: At My Table **9.00** Inside The Ambulance **10.00** One Born: Twins And Triplets **11.00** First Responders **1.00-3am** Hashtag Murder

QUEST freeview 17

6am Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **7.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **11.00** Outback Car Hunters **1.00** Mike Brewer: Born Dealer **2.00** Shed And Buried **3.00** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **4.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **8.00** Ant Anstead: Born Mechanic **9.00** Johnny Vegas' Little Shop Of Antiques **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** How Do They Do It? **1.00-2am** Salvage Hunters

THAT'S TV freeview 56

8am That's 60s: Best Music Live! **8.05** Rising Damp **8.35** Duty Free **9.10** Never The Twain **9.40** On The Buses **10.10** Bread **10.50** Steptoe And Son **11.25** Oh, Doctor Beeching! **12.05** Rising Damp **12.35** Man About The House **1.05** Goodnight Sweetheart **1.45** When The Boat Comes In **2.45** Minder **3.50** Just Good Friends **4.25** Man About The House **4.55** Bread **5.30** Birds Of A Feather **6.00** That's 60s: Best Music Live! **6.10** Rising Damp **6.40** Steptoe And Son **7.20** Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads? **8.00** Minder **9.00** Benidorm **9.55** Shameless **10.55** Man About The House **11.25** Mind Your Language **12.00** Benidorm **12.55-2am** Minder

SPORT

Sky Sports Main Event 9.30pm Jessica Pegula competes in the Canadian Open

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6am Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **11.30** Transfer 360 **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** Lunchtime **2.00** Sports Desk **2.30** Transfer 360 **3.00** LIVE The Hundred. Sunrisers Leeds Women v London Spirit Women. Start-time at 3.00. **6.00** LIVE The Hundred. Sunrisers Leeds Men v London Spirit Men. Start-time at 6.30. Coverage of the match at Headingley. **9.30** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open. Coverage from day three of the ATP 1000 event in Montreal and the WTA 1000 event in Toronto. **12.00-4am** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open. Further coverage from day three of the ATP 1000 and WTA 1000 event.

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

6am PL Greatest Games **7.00** Premier League Best Goals **8.00** PL 100 Club **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **11.30** Transfer 360 **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** PL Highlights **2.00** SNF **2.30** PL Highlights **5.00** PL Review **6.00** Transfer 360 **7.00** The Transfer Show **8.00** Brazilians In The Premier League **9.00** Transfer 360 **10.00** Drink It In: The Rise Of Man City **11.00** PL Years **1.00-3am** PL Retro

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6am EFL **9.00** SPFL Highlights **9.30** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Retro **12.00** EFL **3.00** SPFL Highlights **3.30** EFL Greatest Games **4.00** EFL Cup Retro **6.00** SPFL Round-Up **6.30** EFL Highlights **7.30** EFL **8.30** EFL Highlights **9.30** EFL Cup Retro **11.30** SPFL Round-Up **12.00-2am** EFL Cup Retro

SKY SPORTS ACTION

6am Betfred Super League **8.30** NFL Highlights **8.45** Betfred Super League Highlights **9.00** Betfred Super League **12.00** NFL Highlights **1.00** Good Morning Football **3.00** NFL Highlights **4.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **5.00** NFL Highlights **5.15** Super Bowl LX Bitesize Highlights **5.30** Betfred Super League Highlights **6.00** NBC's Pro-Football Talk **8.00** NBA Basketball **12.00** The Insiders **1.00-2am** Betfred Super League Highlights

SKY SPORTS +

6am Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **8.00** Betfred Super League **10.30** Sky Sports FC **11.30** Transfer 360 **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** Lunchtime **2.00** Sports Desk **2.30** Transfer 360 **3.00** Sports Desk **4.00** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open. Coverage from day three of the ATP 1000 event in Montreal and the WTA 1000 event in Toronto. **12.00-4am** LIVE Tennis. The Canadian Open. Further coverage from day three of the ATP 1000 event in Montreal and the WTA 1000 event in Toronto, both of which are hard-court tournaments.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6am The Hundred **9.15** The Hundred Bitesize **11.00** Women's ICC World T20 Cricket **11.30** The Hundred Bitesize **2.45** LIVE The Hundred. Sunrisers Leeds Women v London Spirit Women. Start-time at 3.00. Coverage of the match at Headingley. **6.00** LIVE The Hundred. Sunrisers Leeds Men v London Spirit Men. Start-time at 6.30. Coverage of the match at Headingley. **9.30** The Hundred Bitesize **10.00** The Hundred **1.30** The Hundred Bitesize **1.45-2am** The Hundred Bitesize

SKY SPORTS GOLF

6am Golf Academy **7.00** Playing Lessons **8.00** Nick Dougherty's Tee Time Tips **9.00** School Of Golf **10.00** PGA Tour Golf **11.00** Women's Golf **12.00** AIG Women's Open Official Film 2025 **1.00** Women's Golf **2.00** The Improvers **3.00** The Golf Fitness Show **3.30** Mark Roe's Short Game School **4.00** Chronicles Of A Champion Golfer **5.00** PGA Tour Golf **6.00** Women's Golf **7.00** The Greatest Solheim Cup **9.00** PGA Tour Golf **10.00** Women's Golf **11.00** PGA Tour Champions **12.00** HotelPlanner Tour Golf Highlights **12.30** DP World Tour Golf **1.00-2am** The Open: Official Films

ENTERTAINMENT

Sky One 8pm Martin invites Louisa to watch the annual bird migration in Best Medicine

SKY ONE

6am Mornings **7.00** Mornings With Ridge And Frost **8.00** Stargate SG-1 **9.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **10.00** Will & Grace **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00** Big Cat Country **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Animal Control **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Best Medicine. Martin invites Louisa to watch the annual bird migration over Port Wenn, while he treats an elderly woman whose hallucinations lead to dire consequences. **9.00** Never Mind The Buzzcocks. With Mel Blatt, Betty Boo, Tom Davis, Keith Duffy and Shane Lynch. **10.00** The 'Burbs **10.55** Animal Control **11.55** Grimm **12.50** The Force: Manchester **1.45-2.35am** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC

6am Fish Town **8.00** Billions **10.20** Task **12.50** Homicide: Life On The Street **3.00** Billions **5.20** Heated Rivalry **7.30** True Detective: Night Country. The truth about what happened to Annie and the Tsalal men unfolds. **9.00** Gomorrah: The Origins. Crime drama prequel starring Luca Lubrano. **10.00** Gomorrah: The Origins. Crime drama prequel starring Luca Lubrano. **11.00** Prisoner **12.00-2.20am** True Detective: Night Country

SKY WITNESS

6am Bondi Rescue **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** Nothing To Declare **9.00** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder **10.00** Stop, Search, Seize **11.00** Bull **12.00** FBI **2.00** The Rookie **3.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **4.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Caught On Dashcam. Road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras. **9.00** Irish Blood. Fiona races to expose the truth behind the sabotage of a car rally. Last in the series. **10.00** Blue Bloods. Frank and Joe contend with an insult to the memory of Joe's father. **11.00** The Rookie **12.00-2am** FBI

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7.05am Don't Wait Up **7.50** Going Straight **8.25** Only Fools And Horses **9.10** The Green Green Grass **9.50** Are You Being Served? **10.25** Last Of The Summer Wine **11.45** Going Straight **12.25** Only Fools And Horses **1.05** Keeping Up Appearances **1.45** Dad's Army: The Lost Episodes **2.25** The Green Green Grass **3.00** Are You Being Served? **3.40** Going Straight **4.20** Dad's Army: The Lost Episodes **5.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances **7.00** Only Fools And Horses. The Trotters go on holiday. **7.40** Dad's Army: The Lost Episodes. Frazer and Jones vie for promotion. **8.20** Are You Being Served? Mr Grainger prepares to bid farewell. **9.00** Joe & David's Magical Sitcom Tour. David Earl orchestrates a personal tour of Porridge. **10.00** Porridge. The inmates stage a mock trial. **10.40** Not Going Out. Lee attempts to impress Lucy. **11.20** Colin's Sandwich **12.00** Porridge **12.40** Not Going Out **1.20-2am** Colin's Sandwich

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am Impractical Jokers **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond **11.00** The Upper Hand **1.10** Impractical Jokers: Hits, Errors & Balls **1.40** Friends **9.00 FILM** Sweet Home Alabama. A New York fashion designer returns to her home town to finalise her divorce, but still has feelings for her estranged husband. Comedy with Reese Witherspoon and Josh Lucas. (2002) **11.10** Police Squad! **12.10** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **1.10-2.20am** The Best Of Mr Bean

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7.15am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **10.00** The Mentalist **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00** Body Of Proof **1.00** Death In Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist **5.00** Hudson & Rex **6.00** Body Of Proof **7.00** Private Eyes. Angie and Shade investigate a series of break-ins at a medical clinic. **8.00** Death In Paradise. A member of a commune is poisoned in a locked bunker. **9.00** Allegiance. When a body washes up on the beach, Sabrina is convinced it's not a suicide. Last in the series. **10.00** Father Brown. Blind 'Arry is arrested for murder at an Almshouse. **11.00** Private Eyes **12.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **1.00-2am** Death In Paradise

SKY COMEDY

8am Will & Grace **9.00** Sort Of **10.00** The Chair Company **11.15** Will & Grace **12.15** Avenue 5 **1.30** The Chair Company **2.45** Will & Grace **3.45** Hacks **5.00** Community **6.00** Will & Grace **7.00** The US Office **8.00** The Reluctant Landlord **9.00 FILM** Seven Psychopaths. Comedy thriller with Colin Farrell, Sam Rockwell and Christopher Walken. (2012) **11.00** Hacks **12.20** Hitmen **1.20-2.15am** Community

DISCOVERY

6am How It's Made **7.00** Barnwood Builders **9.00** Gold Rush **11.00** Building Off The Grid **1.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **3.00** How It's Made **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Ant Anstead Master Mechanic **9.00** Bull Shark Dinner Bell. Experts uncover what's fuelling a surge in bull shark aggression in Jupiter, Florida. **10.00** What Shark Attacked? Experts analyse encounters caught on camera. **11.00** The Alaska Triangle **12.00** Deadliest Catch **1.00-2am** Bull Shark Dinner Bell

RADIO

TalkRadio 10am Julia Hartley Brewer covers all the top stories you need to know

VIRGIN RADIO DAB virginradio.co.uk

6.30am Steve Denyer On The Chris Evans Breakfast Show With Moneybox **10.00** Emma B **2.00** Ben Jones **6.00** Geoff Lloyd **10.00** Jen Thomas **2.00-6.30am** Stu Elmore

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6am Ian Collins **10.00** Julia Hartley Brewer **1.00** Mark Dolan **4.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **7.00** Peter Cardwell **10.00** Petrie Hosken **1.00** Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Through The Papers

TALKSPORT 1053, 1089MW talksport.com

6am TalkSPORT Breakfast With Jeff Stelling **10.00** Alex Crook & Darragh MacAnthony **1.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs **4.00** TalkSPORT Drive

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lives were stolen on that day. Then it's over to police bodycam footage to tell the rest of the tale and their shock at the graphic murder scenes is palpable.

"F***."

"Oh man."

"F*** dude."

The officers' exclamations can be heard over their intercom as even they can't believe the chilling scenes that unravel before them.

The remainder of this three-part mini-series retells what happened next and with storytelling this vivid, even those knowing the case will be hooked.

FELICITY CROSS

INVESTIGATOR . . Olivia Attwood

Sun TV picks

OLIVIA ATTWOOD: THE PRICE OF PERFECTION, ITV2, 9pm: In the UK, we spend billions of pounds on cosmetic procedures.

Olivia is back to find out all there is to know about the latest trends and how much it really costs to achieve the "perfect" image.

In this first of six episodes, she speaks with celebrities about procedures they've had done, from comedian Katherine Ryan confessing she was willing to spend £130,000 on her recent facelift, to reality star Lateysha Grace revealing her regrets over altering her body.

Plus, Olivia catches up with pal Katie Price – who simply can't remember how many cosmetic surgeries she has had over the years. It's a thought-provoking opening episode.

THE SALISBURY POISONINGS: A SPY NEXT DOOR, Sky Documentaries, 9pm: The 2018 failed assassination of former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia in Salisbury, became international news.

This new film re-examines the investigation that followed, as the authorities raced to find those responsible and contain the deadly Novichok nerve agent used by the would-be assassins. Featuring interviews with ex-Prime Minister Theresa May and former MI6 bosses, it's a compelling look at the incident.

JOE & DAVID'S MAGICAL SITCOM TOUR, U&Gold, 9pm: Joe Wilkinson and his comedy collaborator David Earl host a nostalgic nod to Fawlty Towers, Porridge and The Office.

They start by going behind bars at HMP Slade, with Joe dressing up as Ronnie Barker's legendary criminal Fletcher and meeting creators Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais, who also brought us the unforgettable Godber, Lukewarm, Harry Grout and Mr Mackay.

THE VICTORIANS WITH ROB RINDER AND RUTH GOODMAN, C5, 9pm: Rob teams up with historian Ruth to explore the gaping disparity between rich and poor during four key eras in British history: Victorian, Georgian, Tudor and Roman.

Their first exploration, illustrated with AI footage, starts in 1844 where Rob follows the trail of a wealthy railway owner, while Ruth tells the tale of a less-fortunate "navvy" who worked his fingers to the bone building those railways. Fascinating.

DAVID BELL

TNT SPORTS 1

9am Test Cricket Highlights **10.00** WRC Review **11.00** Sign Up – Into Football **12.00** Premier League Stories **12.30** British Superbikes Highlights **1.30** Cycling **2.30** LIVE Cycling: Tour de France Women **5.45** Cycling **6.00** UEFA Conference League Goals Reload **6.15** UEFA Europa League Goals Reload **6.30** Premier League Stories **7.00** British Superbikes Highlights **8.00** MLB Highlights **9.00** UFC: The Ultimate Fighter **10.00** What Went Down **10.15** British Superbikes Rewind **10.30** WRC Review **11.30** MLB Highlights **12.30** LIVE MLB Lead Off. A look at the upcoming MLB action. **1.00** LIVE MLB. Chicago Cubs v Los Angeles Dodgers. Start-time at 1.00. **4.00-4.30am** LIVE MLB Closer

TNT SPORTS 2

6am MotoGP Classics **9.00** British Superbikes Highlights **10.00** Motocross World Championship **1.00** eSports Show **1.30** Test Cricket Highlights **2.30** LIVE Test Cricket. West Indies v Pakistan. **11.00** TNT Sports Cricket Reload **11.30** Premier League Stories **12.00** Classic Premier League **1.00-5am** LIVE World Series of Poker. Coverage from the second day of the final table main event.

TNT SPORTS 3

6am NWSL **8.00** Fishing: On the Bank **9.00** SailGP – Racing on the Edge **9.30** Original Documentary **9.45** Cycling **10.00** Cycling **11.00** Cycling **12.00** LIVE Cycling: Tour Of Poland-Stage 2. Coverage of the second stage of the 2026 Tour of Poland. **3.45** Original Documentary **4.00** Fishing: On the Bank **5.00** MLB Highlights **6.00** Motocross World Championship **9.00** Cycling **10.00** Cycling **11.00** Cycling **12.00** Cycling **12.15** British Superbikes Rewind **12.30** eSports Show **1.00-2am** Fishing: On the Bank

PREMIER SPORTS 1

6am NASCAR Highlights **7.00** DTM Motorsport Highlights **8.00** FIM Sidecarcross Championship **9.00** Show Jumping **10.00** Football **12.00** German Cup **2.00** Sporting Countdowns **2.30** Premier Sports Cup **4.55** Sporting Countdowns **5.25** FIM Quadcross Championship **5.55** LIVE Swedish Speedway. Vastervik v Indianerna. **8.00** Bike World **8.30** Football **10.30** Sporting Greats **11.00** Swedish Speedway **1.00** MotorSport **1.30-5.30am** United Rugby Championship

7.00 The Transfer Insiders **10.00** The Sports Bar **1.00** Extra Time With Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Early Sports Breakfast

TALKSPORT2 DAB talksport.com

8am The William Hill Sports Book Club **2.00** On Track **3.00** The Social **5.00** Fight Night Extra **6.00** Following On **7.00** On Track **8.00** Fight Night Extra **9.00** Following On **10pm-8am** My Sporting Life

TIMES RADIO DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

6am Kate McCann And Stig Abell **10.00** Ed Vaizey **1.00** Sebastian Payne **2.00** Jane Garvey And Fi Glover **4.00** John Pienaar **7.00** Kait Borsay **10.00** Carole Walker **1.00** The Best Of Times Radio **5.00-6am** Tom Nunan

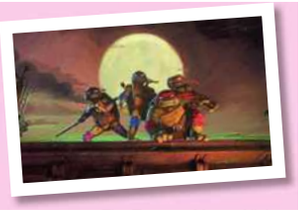
RADIO 1 97.6-99.8FM bbc.co.uk/radio1

6.58am Newsbeat **7.00** Greg James **11.00** Rickie, Melvin And Charlie **12.45** Newsbeat **1.00** Matt And Jerry **3.30** Newsbeat **3.33** Going Home With Vick, Katie And Jamie **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Jack Saunders **8.00** Sian Eleri **11.00** Alyx Holcombe **1.00** Dance Drum & Bass Mix **2.00** Anthems **4.00** Pop Anthems **5.00-6.58am** Early Breakfast With Dean McCullough

RADIO 2 88-91FM bbc.co.uk/radio2

6.30am Sara Cox **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00** Jeremy Vine **2.00** DJ Spoony **4.00** Joel Dommett **7.00** Jo Whiley **9.00** Jamie Cullum **10.00** The Good Groove With Melvin Odoom **12.00** Connor Phillips **3.00** Fearne Cotton (R) **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans

MOVIES



Film4 6.55pm The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles fight crime in Mutant Mayhem

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

8am Mortal Kombat II (15, 2026) ★★★ **10.00 Heretic** (15, 2024) ★★★★ **12.00 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **1.35 Wicked: For Good** (PG, 2025) ★★★ **4.00 Mortal Kombat II** (15, 2026) ★★★ **6.00 Heretic** (15, 2024) ★★★★ **8.00 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **9.45 Primate** (18, 2025) ★★★ **11.20 Eleanor The Great** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **1.05-2.45am Love Me** (15, 2024) ★★★★

SKY CINEMA ANIMATION

9.25am Pets On A Train (PG, 2025) ★★★ **11.00 Super Charlie** (PG, 2024) ★★★ **12.35 Shaun The Sheep Movie** (U, 2015) ★★★★★ **2.10 The Wild Robot** (U, 2024) ★★★★★ **4.00 The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out Of Water** (U, 2015) ★★★★ **5.40 Dragon Rider** (PG, 2021) ★★★ **7.15 Sing** (U, 2016) ★★★★ **9.10 The Secret Life Of Pets** (U, 2016) ★★★★ **10.45pm-12.15am The Secret Life Of Pets 2** (U, 2019) ★★★★

SKY CINEMA ACTION

7.55am Kraven The Hunter (15, 2024) ★★★ **10.05 The Italian Job** (12, 2003) ★★★ **12.05 Spider-Man** (12, 2002) ★★★★★ **2.15 Shazam!** (12, 2019) ★★★★ **4.35 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **6.20 Nobody 2** (15, 2025) ★★★★ **8.00 Spider-Man 2** (PG, 2004) ★★★★ **10.20pm-12.50am Gladiator II** (15, 2024) ★★★★

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11am Robot Dreams (PG, 2023) ★★★★ **1.05 Drums Along The Mohawk** (PG, 1939) ★★★★ **3.10 The Mark Of Zorro** (PG, 1974) ★★ **4.45 Rat Race** (12, 2001) ★★★★ **6.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem** (PG, 2023) ★★★★ **9.00 My Stepmother Is An Alien** (15, 1988) ★★★ **11.10 Last Night In Soho Interview Special 11.15pm-1.25am Under The Skin** (15, 2013) ★★★★

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11.15am Biggles: Adventure In Time (PG, 1986) ★★ **1.00 The Adventures Of William Tell 1.35 Appointment With Venus** (U, 1951) ★★★ **3.20 Anthony Perkins: The Actor Behind The Door 4.25 Chase A Crooked Shadow** (U, 1957) ★★★ **6.10 What's On TPTV With Noel 6.25 Whiplash 6.55 The Man From UNCLE 7.55 Buccaneer 9.00 Accident** (PG, 1967) ★★★★★ **11.05 Fortean TV 11.40pm-1.55am Body Double** (18, 1984) ★★★★

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2pm Castle 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote 7.00 Castle 8.00 Unforgettable 9.00 In Plain Sight 10.00 Hailey Dean Mysteries 11.50pm-1.45am Picture Perfect Mysteries: Exit Stage Death (PG, 2020) ★★★

GREAT! ACTION freeview 42

11am Tomorrow We Live (U, 1943) ★★★ **12.50 The Unit 1.50 Burn Notice 3.50 The Coldest Game** (15, 2019) ★★★★ **6.00 The Unit 7.00 Burn Notice 9.00 Eye For An Eye** (15, 2019) ★★★ **11.05pm-12.05am The Avengers**

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The page where you tell Britain what you think

WE seem to have a large surplus of Army camps that are being used to house migrants.

It draws attention to how much the military has shrunk since austerity measures came in.

President Trump was right, we can't expect America to bail us out, and can we even now defend our own country with such meagre resources?

HELEN ROWLAND
Harwich, Essex

I WAS surprised to read that Sainsbury's are selling Argos for £120million, that's the same ball park as recent transfer fees for Morgan Rogers from Villa to Chelsea and Elliot Anderson from Forest to Man City. It shows footballers really are big business.

BRIAN SMART
Newhaven, East Sussex

THE cheek of Ryan Gosling and Margot Robbie, *below*, to hold out on another Barbie film, because they want more money. They were paid about £10.5million each for the first film while firefighters here get less than £40,000 a year, and risk their lives. Margot, Ryan and the like should be ashamed.

JOANNE AITCH
Bebington, Merseyside

IT'S all very well suggesting that non-British prisoners in jail here should serve their sentences back in their own countries.

These countries could then send their British prisoners back to us. We could be in a worse position than we are now!

JOHN THARME
Bristol

French cops 'disgraceful'

£50 LETTER

FRANCE happily takes more than £1billion from us as an incentive to stop migrants reaching our shores.

But look at what we're getting for our money – French police who stand idly by, watching the dinghies depart.

Illegal migration is of huge concern to the British people and new PM Andy Burnham must up his game to pacify those people.

He should start by telling those pro-open-border backbenchers of his exactly where to go.

MARK PATTEN
Newcastle upon Tyne

THE French should police their waters for free, not turn a blind eye to illegal migration.

Countries should help each other out, not charge extortionate fees for doing what's right.

It's obvious the French police don't care about letting small boats travel to the UK.

SIAN ROBERTS
Fareham, Hants

AS well as giving France £1billion to stop the boats, now we are giving them £8,000 for every migrant they actually stop from crossing the Channel.

All the French have ever done since we liberated them 60-odd years ago is take and take, but they give nothing back.

They should remember if it wasn't for us, they would probably all be speaking German now.

J C HAYES
Sidmouth, Devon

PRIME Minister Andy Burnham says he'll get a grip on illegal migration but we've heard it all before – and the small boats just keep on coming.

France reportedly gets £8,000 for every migrant it stops, but thousands still reach Britain. It's a scandal.

When tens of thousands can suddenly turn up at the Spanish enclave of Ceuta, it's clear these crossings don't happen by chance.

Unless we get serious about protecting our borders, this crisis will only get worse.

STEPHEN TURNBULL
Consett, Co Durham

I USED to be a maths teacher but I can't keep count of the number of times Donald Trump has threatened Iran with destruction and then backed down.

It's also hard to count the amount of money Trump has earned during his presidency, given the lack of information due to his current freedom from tax investigations. Fortunately, the Constitution restricts the number of presidential terms to two.

That is a fact – and it must remain a fact in order for the world to prosper.

DENNIS FITZGERALD
Melbourne, Australia

SO, on-again, off-again Trump is still seeking some kind of elusive "deal" with Iran – a nation hell-bent on stirring up trouble in the Middle East.

When will he learn that you can't make a deal with the likes of Iran's current leadership? Regime change is what's needed.

MATT ADAMS
Worcester

I HAVE just counted the number of programmes on BBC One and BBC Two this week, up to and including Friday.

By my reckoning, out of 213 shows, there are 145 repeats, excluding news and sport.

Why do we have to pay for a licence to watch this all-seen-before TV?

SUSAN BRADLEY
Bungay, Suffolk

THE reason there are so few apprenticeships these days is that relatively few workers are on companies' payrolls.

A lot of people now are self-employed and don't work in the same place for long.

When apprenticeships were plentiful, nearly all employees were full-time staff who would have spent their lives working for the same company and could easily train-up yoingsters. That is simply not the case any more.

JOHN GREEN
Hammersmith, W London

I HAVE a simple message for Andy Burnham to help reduce energy prices: Drill, baby, drill.

ALAN DAGNALL
Sheffield

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THANK God domestic football is back with us. While the World Cup was a great watch, though ultimately disappointing for England, I won't miss the ridiculous hydration breaks, shot upon shot of so-called celebrities in the crowd, and the general Americanisation of the beautiful game.

JENNIFER, Whitstable, Kent

YOU know we are in trouble when betting shops start to close down. Will the last shop shutting on the high street please turn off the lights.

ROB SHIPSTONE, Nottingham.

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Mystic Meg with MAGGIE HYDE

ARIES March 21 – April 20

You're so good at getting things started. But are you also guilty of being full of good intentions that fall by the wayside? Finish what you started yesterday, even if it's boring. Mars lends power to the second half of the day, adding some pace and spicing up your love life. New romance starts with a witty text.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

Think about firsts. Just because you've never done something before doesn't mean you shouldn't do it now. Past experience has equipped you with skills that are just waiting to be picked up again. It's a great money day. Pay the bills with love, help a broke friend, and watch cash flow back to you in magical ways.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

Action man Mars inspires you to get things moving. You're no slouch with multi-tasking, but today you could even surprise yourself. Fast and furious is a great pace for being a high achiever, but it's vital to calm your sensitive nervous system. Save the evening for the things, or people, that help you switch off.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

Stick to jobs you do well, or those only you can do, if you want to shine. When a boss wonders what they'd do without you, your job security gets stronger. If a partner is having a hard time, let your natural nurturing streak kick in. When you happily cook or childmind, their shoulders come down – and their love increases.

LEO July 23 – August 23

Emotional or mixed messages are so distracting, but don't rush to the rescue with your time or money. There's probably nothing that won't sort itself out later in the day. You could do with more attention in your love life but a partner is preoccupied, or a new love is uncertain. Don't chase – the picture is changing.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

You may start the day wondering why you can't say or do the right thing, when you're only trying to help. Tired children or touchy adults test your patience, so stand back. If working from home for a day is an option, take it. Everything is easier when you can concentrate. The colour red is linked to love or money.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Your tendency to make excuses for loved ones or to brush things under the carpet can sometimes work, as it does today. You can't be all things to all people so choose battles wisely. Someone with a health issue is your priority. Your love life is full of twists and turns. Single? A special someone has links to abroad.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

Take control of a work or health issue. Something that doesn't add up in the morning will make more sense later in the day. Getting second opinions is part of that picture. Your love life is where you find fun. If you're determined to win the person you fancy, your sex appeal isn't as important as your sense of humour.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

Someone puzzling leaves you stuck for words, or you'll know to keep your opinions to yourself. Keep your energy for those who want your company. A partner is full of bright ideas. On the dating scene, the right choice is the person who clicks with you instantly or who makes an age difference disappear.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

Is someone dumping their problems on you too often? Don't feel guilty about putting in some boundaries. A little less responsibility is good for you and brings out your lighter side. A partner relies on your dry sense of humour. Don't wait for the perfect moment – start making and acting on your plans.

AQUARIUS January 21 –February 18

An unconventional idea could become your greatest success. Hug it to yourself rather than running it by people you know will rubbish it. The right conversation can change everything later. New romance starts with shared interests. Send a link about something for them to buy or read. They'll love it.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

Someone with a history of letting you down acts true to form, or other reasons make you out of sorts, or late. Family bickering gets on your nerves. Pisceans can soak up stress or bad atmospheres, so make a point of finding some me-time. It may be a case of plan B for the evening – and it will be the better bet.

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EASY

2						7		
4		8	3	9		1		
				4	2		5	3
6			1		5	3		
1	7					5	8	
					9		6	
	2						3	
	3	4		2				
				6	3		7	2

TEASER

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			2		7			
9		6		2		1		
				7	4	9		
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TOUGHIE

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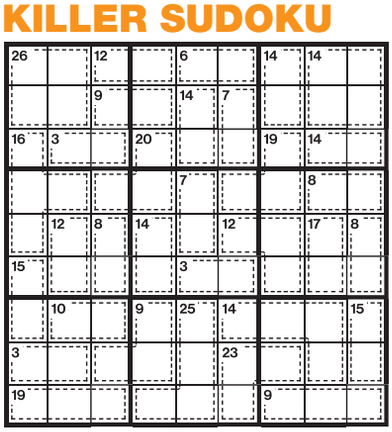
KILLER SUDOKU



The normal rules of sudoku apply. In addition, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dashes) must add up to the number in the top corner of that shape. No digit can be repeated within an inner shape. Solution on right.

TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

Two sets of clues but the answers are the same

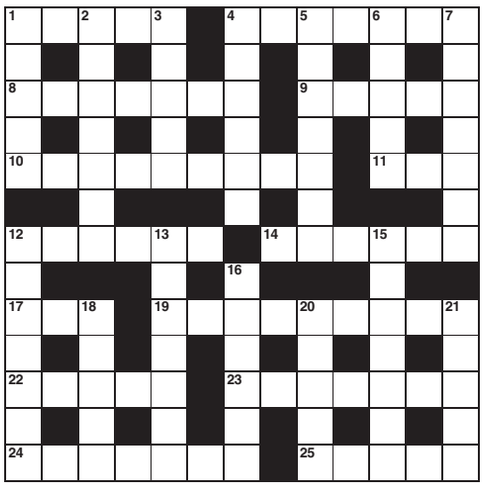
Cryptic

ACROSS

1 Outspoken Liberal wearing brownish yellow (5)
4 Mess up algebra regularly in neckwear (7)
8 Imprecise exit can upset (7)
9 Renowned school rejected duke (5)
10 Flatus beginning to result in monkeys' stomach upset (9)
11 Hearty fare from seaside tourist attraction, 25% off (3)
12 Very fine fabric provides comfort (6)
14 Supply the wood blocks for protective equipment (6)
17 Short of time, go for ballot box (3)
19 Weirdly, rues following frantic professional treatments (9)
22 Self-confidence of model enthralling Italy (5)
23 Stoat in abandoned headquarters? (7)
24 Stretch contents of recovered nets, ideally turned over (7)
25 Fly, for example, with cloud returning (5)

DOWN

1 Dull, wanting Republican to make sound of a spring? (5)
2 Object in uniform capable of being stretched, mostly (7)
3 Just about left showing intuition (5)
4 Friend going around university with time to change (6)
5 Skill of Formula One boosted German city (7)
6 Drunk, 51, lay down the wrong way (3,2)
7 Reportedly studied this writer at iron supplier (3,4)
12 Baffled, as meds put out (7)
13 Arrive holding cat, perhaps, to contend for prize (7)
15 United spoiled gripping international (7)
16 New University group of students getting education (6)
18 Catches slow-coach with head lowered (5)
20 Fascination of child with weapon (5)
21 After naughty act, church (5)



Solutions tomorrow
Get solutions today: Call **0905 757 0150** for Across and **0905 757 0151** for Down before midnight.
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Coffee Time

ACROSS

1 Pretend (5)
4 Silencer fixed to a car's exhaust (7)
8 Lax (7)
9 Paid close attention to (5)
10 Inflammation of the stomach lining (9)
11 Something very easy, metaphorically (3)
12 Consolation (6)
14 Hard hat (6)
17 Container for someone's ashes (3)
19 Treatments for hands and nails (9)
22 Dignity and assurance (5)
23 Place where a train stops (7)
24 Swell (7)
25 Gnat-like insect (5)

DOWN

1 Sound indicating reverberation (5)
2 Useful implement (7)
3 Natural aptitude (5)
4 Change biologically (6)
5 Card play in bridge to gain a trick (7)
6 Illuminated (3,2)
7 Beef, for example (3,4)
12 Dismissed by the wicketkeeper (7)
13 Strive in rivalry (7)
15 Wed (7)
16 Remaining (6)
18 Metal fasteners (5)
20 Spell (5)
21 From that time on (5)

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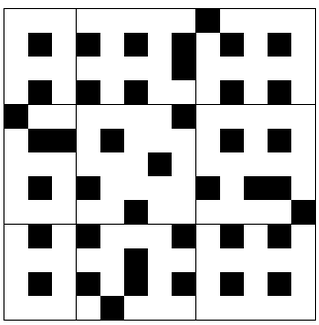
WORDSEARCH

Find seven words associated with rabbits. Words can run forwards, backwards or diagonally.

S	H	U	T	C	H	P
B	B	S	Y	W	W	T
U	H	A	C	A	E	O
N	S	T	R	U	P	R
N	O	R	E	O	T	R
Y	E	A	H	E	E	A
N	N	S	E	O	T	C

KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid. Solution below right.



3 letters
Cox
Own
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Tin

4 letters
Abet
Chic
Clan
Grim
Heap
Into
Lest
Shop

5 letters
Apron
Aroma
Atoll
Draft
Inept
Issue
Solve
Taunt

6 letters
Denote
Detect
Hyssop
Oilcan
Quinoa
Tuxedo
Update
Vanity

7 letters
Evacuee
Harness
Insulin
Isotope

8 letters
Aquafaba
Cenotaph
Footstep
Glissade

THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a DJ & producer:

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9

6 & 3	Mr Carpenter, brother of Karen, with whom he had hits including We've Only Just Begun (first two letters of name)
1 & 4	Late actress who played Alice in The Vicar Of Dibley
8 & 5	Singer of Jolene and 9 To 5
7 & 2	Mr Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) from 1969 to 2004 (first and last letters of name)
9	Aldo, Italian celebrity chef and former judge on Celebrity Masterchef

Yesterday: Inventor THOMAS NEWCOMEN (Norman Tebbit, Orson Welles, Hoagy Carmichael, Anwar Sadat, Ed O'Neill, Michael Mann, (Jeff) Daniels). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.
Can't wait until tomorrow for the answers? Call **0901 293 6298**
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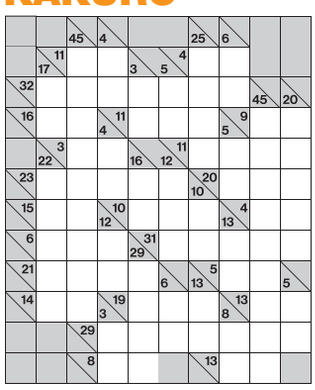
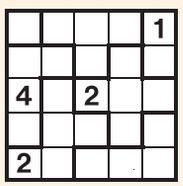
KAKURO



Fill the grid so that each block adds up to the total in the box above or to the left of it. You can only use the digits 1-9 and you must not use the same digit twice in a block. The same digit may occur more than once in a row or column. Solution below right.

SUGURU®



Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally. Solution below right.

SUNDIAL

Brilliant: 17. Excellent: 15. Good: 11. Great kids' score: 8.

SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY: Aleph, ethyl, hail, hale, halite, hall, halt, hate, heal, heap, heat, hell, help, hill, hilly, hilt, hiya, hype, lath, lathe, lethal, lithe, lithely, path, phial, pith, pithy, thali, they, yeah, PHILATELY.

30-SECOND NUMBERCRUNCH

Starting at the left with the number provided, work your way across the three lines one at a time, applying all the mathematical instructions to your running total. Don't use a calculator – that would be cheating! Write your answer at the end. Aim to complete each round in about 30 seconds. Good luck! Answers on the right.

EASY **92**	+212	÷8	-29	×10	-38	÷4	+68	÷3	-19	ANSWER
MEDIUM **143**	÷13	×9	-39	3/4 of it	+88	÷7	+155	Half of it	-38	ANSWER
HARDER **889**	÷7	+1785	5/8 of it	-837	50% of it	+255	÷14	+1357	Quarter of it	ANSWER

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favourite brain-teasers! from Tuesday to Friday

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WORD WORKOUT

20	8	6 P	2	■	14	2	12	2	25	1
2	■	8	■	6	■	14	■	6	■	14
6	22	4	4	24	2	14	■	18	13	2
1	■	4	■	7	■	■	■	25	■	19
■	21	7 A	19	3	22	8	11	23	2	13 D
17	■	■	■	22	■	25	■	■	■	15
8	19	5	24	2	10	8	26	24	2	■
1	■	7	■	■	■	25	■	8	■	16
11	7	1	■	13	8	24	2	9	9	7
25	■	7	■	22	■	2	■	8	■	14
23	18	24	24	18	20	■	11	1 T	7	26

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1 T	2	3	4	5	6 P	7 A	8	9	10	11	12	13 D
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

The world's best brain-teaser – The Sun's clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 3 is the letter E, write E in all the squares with a 3. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: Sieve, Skimp, Gap, Jar, Yap, Grey, Bushy, Odder, Chum, Mum, Zip, Lit, Lower, Rhyme.
DOWN: Sign, Expired, Enjoy, Shrub, Icy, Papaya, Squally, Formal, Razor, Caper, Stye, Mow.

For four extra WORD WORKOUT clues
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For clues from the last 7 days **CALL** 0905 624 0010. Cost £1 per min plus network charge

MISSING LINK

Fit ten words into the grid so each connects with the words on either side, eg wishing – well – done. The letters in the shaded squares spell out a body part (5,5). Solution below.

SEA		CELLAR
ABNORMAL		FACTOR
BOARDING		MUSTER
REQUIEM		MEDIA
SUNDAY		WISHES
RELAY		MEETING
CROCODILE		JOINT
ROUND		SWITCH
MEAN		UPHOLSTERED
NIGHT		BET

STARS

Put two stars in each row, column and region. Star cells can't touch, even diagonally. Solution below.

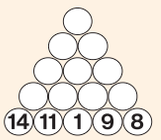
X FACTOR

Normal sudoku rules... but the two main diagonals must also contain the numbers 1-9. Solution below.

	7		8				3
3	6		5			7	
		2	7		3		5
						7	
						9	1
	2	8			7		
8	3						7
2						3	
		7		6	8		

ADD UP

If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, what is the top number? Solution below.



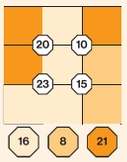
BRAINBUSTER

Can you rearrange each set of letter blocks into one longer word?

[a] SM-I-AN-TA-U-T-HO-RI-RI-A

[b] R-CO-VE-T-AL-SI-UN-RO-N

SAKURO



Enter the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each octagon is equal to the sum of its four surrounding squares. Each coloured area should add up to the colour totals at the bottom. Solution below.

SET SQUARE

7	×		+		= 38
+		+		×	
	+		−		= 1
−		−		+	
	×		+		= 10
= 8		= 7		= 31	

Place digits 1-9 to make the sums work. Each digit can be used only once. Solution below.

Yesterday's solutions

Teaser

8	3	1	6	5	9	7	2	4
7	4	6	8	2	3	5	1	9
9	5	2	7	4	1	6	3	8
3	9	7	5	8	4	2	6	1
1	8	5	2	9	6	4	7	3
2	6	4	3	1	7	9	8	5
5	2	9	1	7	8	3	4	6
4	1	3	9	6	2	8	5	7
6	7	8	4	3	5	1	9	2

Toughie

3	7	9	4	2	1	5	6	8
8	1	4	5	7	6	9	3	2
5	2	6	8	9	3	1	4	7
2	9	8	1	4	7	3	5	6
1	3	5	2	6	9	7	8	4
6	4	7	3	8	5	2	9	1
7	8	1	9	3	4	6	2	5
4	6	3	7	5	2	8	1	9
9	5	2	6	1	8	4	7	3

Two-speed crossword

ACROSS: 1 Tonsil, 5 Spars-e, 8 (S)ally, 9 Cardinal, 10 Adultery, 11 (J)er(k)-go, 12 St-ream, 15 Rat-her, 17 Iris, 19 Jiujitsu, 22 Leapfrog, 23 Scam(p), 24 O-ttaw-a, 25 Dither.

DOWN: 2 O-i-led, 3 S-kyblu-e, 4 Lucre, 5 S-prayer, 6 A-bide(t), 7 Span-gle, 13 Tor-men-t, 14 Major-c-a, 16 T-win-s-et, 18 Septa, 20 Ur-g-ed, 21 S-c-ale.

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING

The recycled paper content of UK newspapers in 2024 was 34.7%

Today's solutions

Sudoku

2	4	2	3	1	5	6	8	7
1	3	1	5	4	6	2	7	8
4	5	3	2	1	7	8	6	9
2	3	1	4	2	8	7	9	5
1	4	2	3	1	9	5	4	6

Sudoku

Killer Sudoku

Wordsearch

X Factor

Kriss Kross

Brainbuster

[a] Authoritarianism
[b] Uncontroversial

Missing Link

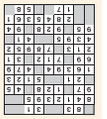
Salt, Load, Pass, Mass, Best, Race, Clip, Trip, Well, Safe
ADAM'S APPLE

Set Square

Sakuro

Stars

Kakuro



Add Up

108

Numbercrunch

8, 49, 347

Page 2 Sekuta

Top line 698
Middle 537
Bottom 214

OIL DIPS AGAIN

OIL prices fell after Donald Trump claimed a deal to end the Iran war is near.

The benchmark Brent Crude was trading five per cent lower at $83.47 a barrel by lunchtime yesterday after the US President cancelled strikes on the mullahs.

He said peace talks would resume and lead to a "total" reopening of the Strait of Hormuz shipping route. The RAC has said that pump prices should begin to stabilise this week.

WAR'S GDP HIT

A PROLONGED Iran war could tip the UK into recession next year, a report warns.

The latest economic outlook from **EY** warned GDP growth could slow sharply to 0.5 per cent this year and contract by 0.2 per cent in 2027 if the conflict is not resolved.

In this scenario, inflation could also soar to 6.4 per cent by the end of this year.

But if the fighting cools by autumn, economic growth could be 1.2 per cent in 2027.

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OUR TOTAL SHELL-OUT

UK firm's eco sale to global rival

SHELL has agreed to sell some of its European renewable assets, including in the UK, to global giant TOTALENERGIES.

By EMILY MEE and BLATHNAID CORLESS

It is part of Shell's plans to scale back investment in low-carbon and renewable energy.

The deal, said to be worth £1.54billion, is subject to regulatory approvals. But if it is given the go-ahead it is expected to complete by the end of the year.

It will also include the sell-off of assets in Italy, the Netherlands and Spain.

It is not clear if any jobs will be impacted.

The deal comes after Shell's fellow British energy giant BP last week made a bombshell decision to quit the North Sea, putting 1,100 jobs at risk.

At the time, the Tories called it a "deadly serious wake-up call" for Labour's Net Zero plans. TotalEnergies is set to take over a four-gigawatt renewables portfolio from Shell, which includes 500 megawatts of solar and wind assets.

It also includes solar, wind and battery storage projects in Italy, the UK and Spain.

Machteld de Haan, president for downstream, renewables and energy solutions at Shell, said: "This agreement reflects Shell's continued focus on actively managing and high-grading its power portfolio in line with the strategy set out at Capital Markets Day 2025.

"We are recycling capital and prioritising areas where we have differentiated capabilities and can create the most value over time, including through asset-backed power trading and customer-focused energy solutions."

£1.54bn Value of Shell sale to Total Energies

FTSE 100 10,857.70 DOWN 10.35pts 0.10%

$1.34 €1.16

SHARE PRICES

21st Cent Fox Inc A	4310¾	-	
21st Cent Fox Inc B	3351¼	-	
Aberdeen Group	246	+	5 ½
Anglo American	3709	-	24
Assco Br Foods	2126	+	39
AstraZeneca	11454	-	1178
Aviva	700¼	+	6 ¾
BAE Systems	2134	+	40
BP	550¾	-	1 ¾
BT Group	203½	+	2 ¼
Barclays	514¼	+	5 ½
Barratt Redrow	303¼	+	10
Bco Santander SA	1074	+	24
Brit AmerTobacco*	4462	-	108
British Land	442¼	+	0 ¼
Bunzl	2806	+	4
Burberry Group	1219	+	31 ½
Compass	2389¾	+	33 ½
Currys	164¾	-	3
Diageo	1656	+	21 ½
Drax Group	719½	-	18
Experian	2814	+	24
FirstGroup*	185¼	+	1
Frasers Group	825½	+	15
GSK	1909½	-	22
Greggs	1942½	+	62 ½
HSBC	1594¼	+	18 ¼
IMI	2954	+	18
ITV	73	-	1 ¼
Imperial Brands	2770	-	55
InterCont Hotels	11736¾	-	204¼
Intl Consol. Airlines	432¾	+	1
Johnson Matthey*	1975	-	17
Kingfisher	315¾	+	7 ¼
Legal&General	303¾	+	3 ¼
Lloyds Banking Gp	116¼	+	1 ¾
LSE Grp	8414	+	16
Man Group	305¼	+	3
Marks & Spencer	409	+	4
Mitch & Butlers	292	+	6
Mitie Group*	207	-	
Mobico Group	24	+	0
Mothercare	1	+	0 ¼
NatWest Group	722½	+	16 ¾
National Grid	1185½	-	4 ½
News Corp A	2068	+	9 ½
News Corp B	2351	+	24 ½
Next*	14350	+	105
Pennon*	459¾	-	3 ¼
Persimmon	1135	+	28
Prudential	1114	-	2
Rank Group	99½	+	2 ¼
Reckitt Benckiser	5298	+	58
Rentokil	354½	+	9 ¾
Rightmove	467½	+	3
Rio Tinto Ltd	8846¼	-	55 ¾
Rolls-Royce	1504¼	+	36 ¾
SSE*	2354	+	8
Sainsbury's	356½	-	2 ¼
Segro	962	-	3
Severn Trent	3064	+	46
Shell	3397½	+	14
Smith&New	1198	+	39 ½
Smiths News	73	-	
Standard Chartered	2206	+	18
Tesco	486¼	-	3
The Sage Grp	998¾	+	25 ½
Unilever	4763¼	+	20 ½
United Utilities*	1407	+	24
Vanquis Banking Gp	80	+	2 ¼
Vesuvius	373½	+	2 ½
Vodafone	118	+	0
WH Smith	443	+	9 ½

* = ex dividend

GRAD JOBS 6-YEAR LOW

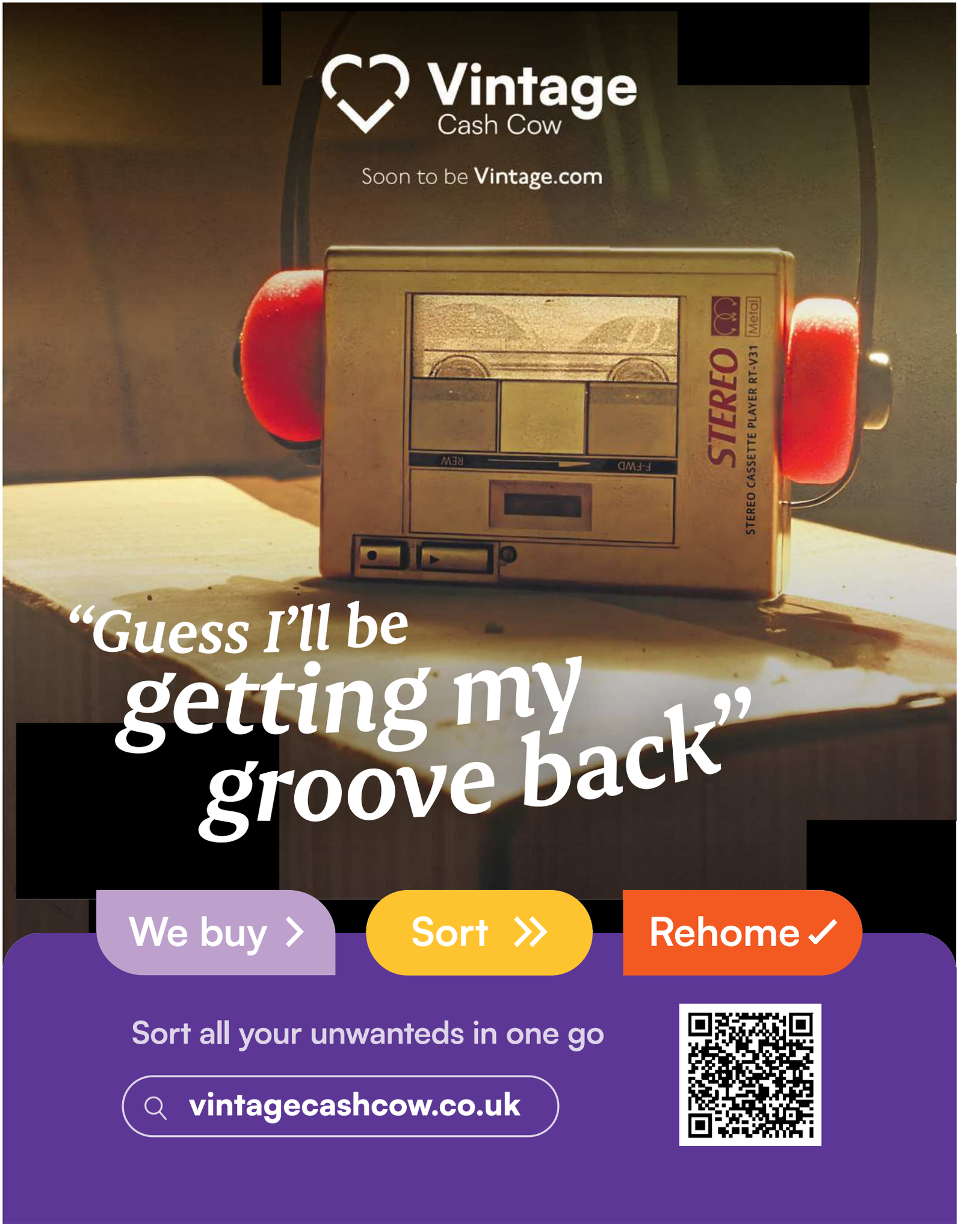
JOB postings for graduates have fallen to their lowest level since 2020.

Overall vacancies dropped by 11 per cent between the start of this year and July 17, jobs platform INDEED said.

Graduates are facing a difficult jobs market with a shortage of entry-level positions. Experts have blamed it on businesses facing higher costs to hire workers and artificial intelligence carrying out lower level tasks.

Jack Kennedy from Indeed said: "Graduates are competing for fewer opportunities to gain an initial foothold."

Calls for clues & answers last no longer than 2 minutes (Sundial answers may vary). Helpline: **0333 202 3390** (9am-5.30pm). Service provider: Spoke, W1T 4HD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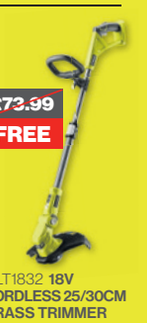

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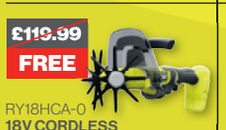

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MAKING WAVES . . . family at waterpark. *Inset*, Aqualand in Corfu

EUROPE'S BEST MEGA WATERPARK HOTELS

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EUROPE is sizzling through a major heatwave, but that doesn't need to melt your getaway plans.

These waterpark hotels will ensure kids stay cool in the sun – and they are all in areas currently deemed safe from wildfires.

With plenty of deals still out there, **SOPHIE SWIETOCHOWSKI** picks some of the top waterpark resorts across the continent.

TURKEY – The Land Of Legends Kingdom Hotel and Aqualand: Thrill-seeking teens will be bowled over by this giant theme park in Antalya, on the southern coast.

Often labelled as the Disneyland of Turkey, it is home to a thrilling 62metre Hyper Coaster, a mega shopping district and a waterpark.

SLIDE ON IN . . . Aqualand at The Land Of Legends Kingdom

Typhoon Coaster is the highlight, hurling riders at mega speeds from 43-metres up, in to a splash basin.

There's plenty for youngsters too, including a mini wave pool and slides, and a lazy river. Guests staying at the onsite Kingdom Hotel get unlimited access to the parks.

GO: Four nights' all-inclusive at the 5★ The Land Of Legends Kingdom Hotel is from £972.50pp for a family of four sharing, flying from Stansted on August 26. Details at onthebeach.co.uk.

CORFU – Aqualand Resort and Waterpark: This resort, attached to the well-known Aqualand park, offers round-the-clock ice cream, pizzas, and burgers for hungry little mouths, as well as tasty Mediterranean-inspired grub for the grown-ups. Guests get unlimited access to the waterpark where the whole family can get stuck in, thanks to the massive mishmash of rides.

Mum, Dad and the youngsters can head for the family rafting ride, down a 180metre tube, while the brave can tackle the 24metre-high free-fall slides and the open flume "kamikaze" slides. With 15 pools and swimming areas, the kids will never get bored.

GO: Seven nights' all-inclusive at the 4★ Aqualand Resort and Waterpark is from £943pp, based on a family of four sharing and including flights from Liverpool John Lennon on August 17. See firstchoice.co.uk.

SPAIN – Evenia Olympic Park and WaterWorld Lloret: For adventurers, Tui offers a special package that combines a stay at the 4★ Evenia Olympic Park with complimentary access to adjacent WaterWorld Lloret, one of Europe's largest waterparks.

If it is too hot for the ten-minute walk, you can catch a free shuttle and then cool off straight away in the splash lagoon. Meanwhile, older kids will want to make a beeline for X-trem Mountain, a 260metre watercoaster with steep drops, dark tubes and sharp bends.

There is also an onsite waterpark at the hotel with multi-lane racer slides, and a pirate ship.

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CYPRUS – Leonardo Laura Beach & Splash Resort: One of the best holiday destinations for waterpark fans, but don't just take my word for it. It is frequently ranked among the best in Tripadvisor's Travellers' Choice Awards.

The kids' activity pool, featuring a series of mini slides and water jets, will ensure under-12s don't miss out, while adrenalin junkies are catered for by the Tornado King ride. When you are not splashing around, there are five onsite restaurants as well as kids' clubs, an escape room and cinema.

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Mimi cup call pride

By HARRY TALBOT

ROOKIE Mimi Rhodes was "so proud" after a Solheim Cup wildcard call-up.

She joins fellow English golf stars Lottie Woad and Charley Hull in the European team for next month's showdown with USA in the Netherlands.

Rhodes *(left)*, 24, said: "It's been a dream to play in the Solheim Cup.

"I'm so proud to represent Europe so early in my professional career."

Ireland's Leona Maguire, 31, was also a wildcard pick by Europe captain Anna Nordqvist.

The team event runs from September 11-13 at Bernardus Golf.

Europe aim to strike back after America won on home soil in 2024.

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

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Hibernian	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Dundee	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Falkirk	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

CRICKET

THE HUNDRED - MEN
Welsh Fire v Southern Brave
Sophia Gardens: Southern Brave 115-8 (100 balls; M Stoinis 55, D Miller 21; S Cook 3-14); Welsh Fire 116-4 (95 balls; M Short 60no, T Kohler-Cadmore 23no). **Welsh Fire beat Southern Brave by 6 wickets.**

THE HUNDRED - WOMEN
Welsh Fire v Southern Brave
Sophia Gardens: Southern Brave 121-5 (100 balls; L Wolvaardt 48, J Rodrigues 25); Welsh Fire 122-6 (100 balls; H Graham 35no; T Corteen-Coleman 3-27). **Welsh Fire beat Southern Brave by 4 wickets.**

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE FEMMES (Geneva - Poligny, 157.0km): **Stage 3 -** 1 S Y Haugset (Nor) Uno-X Mobility 4h 5m 59s, 2 L Kopecky (Bel) Team SD Worx-Protime +1m 24s, 3 M Vos (Hol) Team Visma I Lease a Bike +2:48, 4 U Ostolaza (Spa) Laboral Kutxa-Fundacion Euskadi, 5 K Le Court (Mus) AG Insurance-Soudal Team both at same time. **Overall -** 1 S Y Haugset (Nor) Uno-X Mobility 11h 17:56s2 K Le Court (Fra) AG Insurance-Soudal Team +2m 02s, 3 D Vollering (Hol) FDJ United-SUEZ +2:06, 4 N Ruegg (Swi) EF Education-Oatly +2:10, 5 M Vos (Hol) Team Visma I Lease a Bike at same time. **Selected -** 40 Z Backstedt (GB) CANYON//SRAM +6m 22s, 65 J Nelson (GB) Team Picnic PostNL +18:16, 70 P Georgi (GB) Team Picnic PostNL +20:03, 79 L Williams (GB) Human Powered Health +21:37.

TENNIS

ATP & WTA MUBADALA DC OPEN (Washington D.C.): **Men's Final -** T Fritz (USA) bt R Jodar (Spa) 7-6 (7-2) 6-4. **Women's Final -** A Eala (Phl) bt J Pegula (USA) 4-6 6-4 6-0.

WTA NATIONAL BANK OPEN (Toronto): **1st rd -** K Pliskova (Cze) bt O Oliynykova (Ukr) 6-4 6-4; A Bondar (Hun) bt A Kalinina (Ukr) 6-4 7-5; A Komeeva (Rus) bt P Kudermetova (Uzb) 6-0 3-0 ret; K Day (USA) bt D Parry (Fra) 3-6 6-3 7-5; T Gibson (Aus) bt E Cocciaretto (Ita) 6-2 3-2 ret; K Cross (Can) bt K Boulter (GB) 7-6 (7-3) 7-5; G Ruse (Rom) bt P Stearns (USA) 6-0 7-5; S Zhang (Chn) bt Y Putintseva (Kaz) 6-4 6-1; R Sramkova (Svk) bt A Blinkova (Rus) 6-3 6-3; M Kessler (USA) bt C Brace (Can) 6-3 6-3; M Frech (Pol) bt L Jeanjean (Fra) 7-5 6-3.

TODAY'S SPORT

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
THIRD QUALIFYING ROUND 1ST LEG
Olympiakos v NEC 7.0
Sparta Prague v Lyon..... 7.0
U Saint Gilloise v Bodo/Glimt..... 7.0
Ararat Armenia v CM Celje 5.0
Dinamo Zagreb v Kauno Zalgiris.. 7.0
H B Sheva v Red Star Belgrade 6.30
Levski Sofia v FC Kairat..... 6.30
Mjallby AIF v Slovan Bratislava . 5.0

UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE
THIRD QUALIFYING ROUND 1ST LEG
Larne v Iberia 1999..... 8.0
Shamrock Rovers v KF Egnatia. 8.0

CRICKET
Second Test Match—day 3 of 5: West Indies v Pakistan (Port of Spain, 3pm).
The Hundred: Sunrisers Leeds v London Spirit (Headingley, Women 3.0, Men 6.30).

A £1M RUCK 'N POLL STAR

By MATT MOORE

ENGLAND rugby star Henry Pollock has been told by agent Eddie Hearn he is worth £1million a year.

The flanker's Northampton contract expires next summer and is thought to pay £150,000 annually.

Pollock, 21, has won 13 Red Rose caps, gone on a Lions tour and helped Saints lift the Prem since agreeing that deal in December 2024.

And Hearn said: "He's a seven-figure player. The way rugby's going and what Pollock is doing, his value in the next few years will skyrocket."

Pollock also gets some £150,000 per year from the Rugby Football Union for representing England.

He joined Hearn's Matchroom agency in March and is keen to stay at Saints.

But Hearn told The Telegraph: "Northampton must recognise what they have got. Pollock drives season-ticket sales and puts bums on seats."

BIG BUCKS . . . England flanker Pollock and (right) agent Hearn

TENNIS NOT AGAIN, EM

From Rad to worse

CROCKED BRIT MISSES US OPEN

NO STRESS . . . Raducanu looked in a happy place as she posted pictures from Switzerland

By ROB MAUL

EMMA RADUCANU is out of the US Open with an injury – and may miss the rest of the season.

Five years after her fairy-tale win in New York, she has had to withdraw three weeks before the tournament.

The Brit, 23, pulled out of Wimbledon the night before it began with a stress fracture in her foot and has had a long-standing ankle and shin issue.

Her team says she has now been advised by medical pros to rest and recover as the fracture needs more time to heal.

Sources say she feels "sad" to miss a tournament that is "so special to her" as she continues to recuperate at a luxury resort in Switzerland.

She has been able to sail on a local lake and do gentle practice on a nearby clay court, and on Sunday, she did a photo dump on Instagram with the message: "Best reset ever!!"

But within 24 hours her US Open KO was confirmed.

Since Wimbledon finished, she has dropped to 49 on the WTA rankings and there is no confirmed return date.

The Kent star is not part of Britain's Billie Jean King Cup team that will face the Czechs next month in China.

In May, Raducanu reunited with Andrew Richardson, the coach who helped her win the US Open in 2021.

Yet they have only had seven matches across three tournaments together.

Playing three matches across two days in a run to the Queen's final caused the flare-up in the first instance.

KATIE BOULTER lost 7-6 7-5 in the Canadian Open first round to home star Kayla Cross – her maiden WTA main-draw win.

McCRACKEN . . . boss

We can Crack it at LA '28

By ROB MAUL

BOXING guru Rob McCracken is weaving his magic again with the LA Olympics just two years away — as Team GB look to banish their Paris woes.

Glasgow's Commonwealth Games proved a success for the home nations in the ring, with England winning ten medals, Wales four and Scotland three.

This is a new era after the disappointment of the 2024 Olympics, where Lewis Richardson claimed Team GB's only bronze.

McCracken, formerly trainer to Carl Froch and Anthony Joshua, is the performance director of GB Boxing. The former middleweight, 58, is now in his fifth Olympic cycle.

Thurrock's Isaac Okoh, who took gold in the 90kg in Glasgow, said: "Rob knows his stuff. He has been in the game for a really long time.

"It's pretty evident we are producing the goods. In LA, you're going to see us back on the podium."

POGACAR . . . "target"

Tad's up for grand mastery

By CHARLIE PITTOCK

TADEJ POGACAR will race this year's Vuelta a Espana as he seeks to complete a cycling grand slam.

The star, 27, confirmed his entry just days after sealing a remarkable fifth Tour de France crown.

He shot to fame when he last rode La Vuelta in 2019, finishing third overall, with three stage wins.

The Slovenian will be big favourite and he could become the ninth man in history to win all three of the sport's Grand Tours.

Pogacar said: "Motivation is high to finish the year in a good way and the Vuelta will be a big target.

"The team is strong, we hope to do good things."

The race will start just minutes away from Pogacar's home in Monaco and features eight mountain stages and an opening individual time trial.

It begins on August 22 in Monaco, before spending three weeks mostly in the south of Spain and finishing up in Granada.

Voz is hot in Chile

FEELING THE LOVE . . . Vozinha became a global star after shutout against Spain

WORLD CUP golden oldie Vozinha got a hero's welcome after touching down in Chile to complete his move to Colo-Colo.

The keeper, 40, was mobbed by fans at Santiago Airport *(below)* before signing a six-month contract.

By JAKE SANDERS

Vozinha shot to fame with a string of saves as minnows Cape Verde sealed a shock 0-0 draw against eventual champs Spain.

It saw his Instagram following go from 50,000 to more than 17 million in a couple of days — and it now stands at 29.5m.

He also shut out Saudi Arabia to help the tiny African country into the last 32, where they were pipped 3-2 by Argentina.

Vozinha left Portuguese second division side Chaves in June and his finals heroics earned a move to the Chilean giants.

Hid real name is Josimar Jose Evore Dias but Colo-Colo have been granted permission to use nickname Vozinha on his shirt.

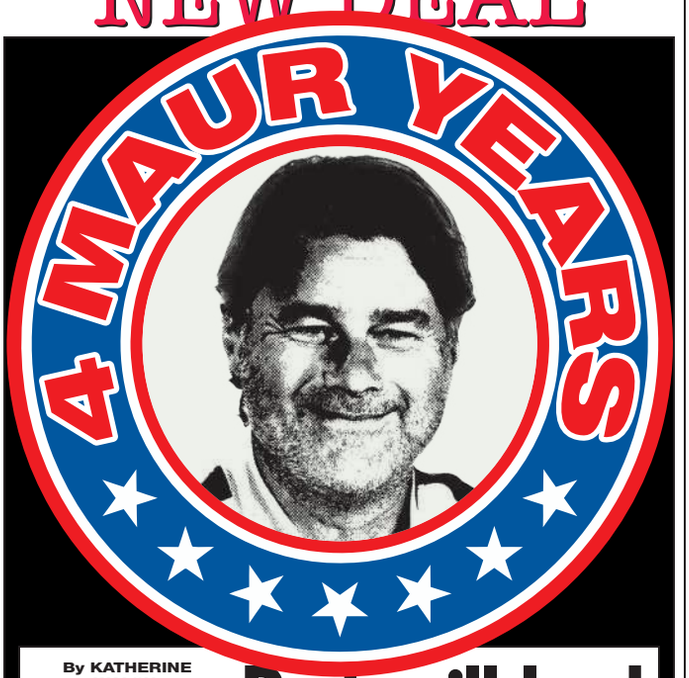
It means 'little grandmother' in Portuguese and was given by other kids when he was a boy as he would cry after losing street games and storm home to see his grandparents.

A PITCH PERFECT PRESENT

CAPE VERDE proved a right pain in the grass for Argentina — and now have a bit to remember it by.

The Cape Verdean Museum in Rhode Island has been sent the exact spot of Sidny Lopes Cabral's leveller — the World Cup Goal of the Tournament — by the Miami Dolphins and Hard Rock Stadium.

NEW DEAL



Poch will lead USA 'til 2030

By KATHERINE WALSH

USA boss Mauricio Pochettino pulled a U-turn by agreeing a bumper four-year deal to stay on.

Former Chelsea chief Poch was set to quit when his contract ran out at the end of this summer's World Cup in North America.

But the Argentine, 54, will now lead USA through to the 2030 tournament in Spain, Portugal and Morocco.

Despite links to AC Milan in Italy, US Soccer chiefs convinced Pochettino to stay on after an impressive run to the last 16.

He is expected to be banking a rise on his previous £4.5million-a-year deal — which was the largest salary given to a USA boss.

It is understood billionaire hedge-fund manager Ken Griffin, who bankrolled Poch's initial contract, will be the main funder again.

Pochettino and his team have agreed an expanded role which will see them involved in advising on youth development, training and technical strategy.

The Argentine said: "It's a fresh start. It's just a good moment to refresh that mindset, to refresh that culture and philosophy and to start to create a new era of USA soccer.

"It has become clear there is tremendous potential to make the men's national team set-up even stronger."

The former Spurs manager — who has been in the post since September 2024 — inspired the nation with their World Cup exploits before USA bowed out with a 4-1 defeat to Belgium.

After that painful exit, US Soccer said in a statement it had "a great deal of respect and gratitude for Mauricio, his staff and everyone part of the programme".

Yet they were at the centre of a storm when striker Folarin Balogun was sent off against Bosnia-Herzegovina — but had his one-game ban suspended by Fifa.

That came after an intervention from US President Donald Trump and meant he could face Belgium, which sparked a backlash throughout football.

On Poch's new deal, US Soccer boss Cindy Parlow Cone declared: "Mauricio has built a culture where players trust the group, trust the process and trust each other.

"We saw the impact of that in the way the team grew, competed and performed on the world's biggest stage.

"That culture — and the staff who helped build it — are what we want to continue investing in for the men's national team now and in the future."

Pochettino's stock may be sky high but he is not afraid to ruffle feathers.

He clashed publicly with players he felt were uncommitted — notably taking aim at Christian Pulisic.

His next USA camp is a joint September-October international window that spans two weeks and includes four friendlies yet to be announced.

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Colly can go

TOBY COLLYER has been told he can leave Manchester United.

The midfielder, 22, was omitted from the squad that travelled to Stockholm for the 2-1 win against Atletico Madrid on Saturday.

Championship clubs are keen on Collyer, who has made just six Prem sub appearances for United.

Toon get a Luk

By DAISY REDHEAD

NEWCASTLE clinched the £25.7million signing of Czech keeper Lukas Hornicek from Portuguese side Braga.

He will compete with Nick Pope and Frenchman Ewen Jaouen for the No1 spot after agreeing a five-year deal at St James' Park.

Hornicek *(left)*, 24, played over 50 games last term as Braga were fourth in the Primeira Liga and reached the Europa League semis.

He said: "The last few days have been an emotional rollercoaster from when I first heard about the move – now I'm so happy to be here. I have received a fantastic welcome and felt the warmth of the club."

Toon sporting director Ross Wilson said: "His progress in recent years has been remarkable and he has firmly established himself as one of Europe's top young goalkeepers. We knew there would be no shortage of clubs interested in acquiring Lukas this summer."

NEWS TICKER

FULHAM have agreed a £43million double deal to sign Spanish stars Gonzalo Garcia, 22, and Cesar Palacios, 21, from Real Madrid.

Cottagers boss Alvaro Arbeloa worked with the pair at Real when he was in charge.

RENE MEULENSTEEN has been appointed as Stockport's new director of football methodology.

The Dutchman, 62, a coach at Manchester United under Sir Alex Ferguson, was Fulham boss for one season — and has been an assistant for the Australia and Iraq national teams.

PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN beat Prem interest to agree a £43million deal for Maghnes Akliouche.

The France midfielder, 24, was tracked by Spurs and Liverpool and his Monaco exit may aid the Reds' pursuit of PSG's Bradley Barcola.

Wanted Man

WEST HAM are interested in signing Tottenham's forgotten forward Manor Solomon.

The Israel star, 27, has not played for Spurs since 2023 and talks over his exit will ramp up this week — with Fiorentina, where he spent part of last season on loan, also keen.

The Hammers are looking for reinforcements out wide following Crysencio Summerville's exit.

Super agent Pini Zahavi is involved in talks and wants to find ex-Fulham player Solomon a new home before the season gets underway.

PREM

REDS' NEW ERA

ISAK EK'S FACTOR

Hugo hurt Alex `ego'

AL OR NOTHING . . . Isak, in action on Sunday against Leeds, disappointed last term

LIVERPOOL star Alexander Isak had his ego bruised by striker Hugo Ekitike becoming a fans' favourite last season.

By SIMON COLLINGS

That is according to former Reds star Jason McAteer, who labelled the Swede's first year on Merseyside a "disaster".

The attacker's debut campaign – following his £130million British record move from Newcastle – was derailed by a broken leg just before Christmas.

But ex-midfielder McAteer also believes 2025 summer signing Ekitike *(below)* being a hit with the fans while Isak was out injured added to his woes.

McAteer said: "Isak really thrives on confidence. His career at Liverpool has been very much stop and start.

"He had a terrible beginning with the whole Newcastle saga, which weighed heavy on him.

"It was handled terribly by everybody and in this situation it came out the worst for the player.

"Obviously, later on he broke his leg which is never great and Ekitike quickly became a fan favourite, which affected his ego.

"How the new manager is going to handle the Isak and Ekitike debate is going to be interesting. We will have to see how that pans out.

"He has two good players he will have to choose from which is a nice problem to have – but Isak needs a good pre-season.

"New manager, new playing style and it will help him, because last season was a disaster for Isak.

"Now, he gets to press the reset button and can start fresh."

Isak was in action on Sunday night – playing the first half as Liverpool lost 4-2 to Leeds in a friendly in the USA.

The Reds led 2-0 at half-time thanks to Luke Chambers and Florian Wirtz.

But they crumbled after the break and ex-Everton star Dominic Calvert-Lewin found the net twice, with Brenden Aaronson and Sean Longstaff getting in on the act.

Isak now has the chance to really establish himself, with Ekitike out until at least December after Achilles surgery.

New Reds chief Andoni Iraola said: "Obviously it's not the result you want but probably the most useful friendly we played – in a positive way in the first half and in a negative way in the second half. We've learned a lot."

Dominik Szoboszlai echoed Iraola on the need to learn from the low point against Daniel Farke's side in Chicago.

The Reds shipped two of their goals from set-pieces in a second-half collapse that saw them concede four times in 25 minutes.

Hungary international midfielder Szoboszlai said: "We have to take care more at set-pieces.

"Obviously, last season was a time where everything like this started to be really important – corners, long throw-ins – so we really have to take care of it, because next season is going to be the same."

● JASON McATEER was speaking on behalf of Betarades.

STRIKER FIGHT
REDS PAIR LAST SEASON

Isak		Ekitike
£130m	Fee	£69m
22	Games	45
13	Starts	34
4	Goals	17
1	Assists	6
28	Shots	110
5	Chances created	33
14.3%	Shot conversion	15.5%
69.7%	Passing accuracy	78.2%

Dan demands friendly trophy

DANIEL FARKE was left miffed that Leeds' pre-season victory over Liverpool did not come with a trophy!

By JAKE SANDERS

The Yorkshire club rounded off their US tour with a 4-2 win over the Reds in Chicago thanks to an excellent second-half comeback.

It made it two wins from three games after beating Sunderland and losing to Wrexham in the round-robin tournament.

A Dominic Calvert-Lewin double, plus goals from Brenden Aaronson and Sean Longstaff did the damage. It meant Leeds finished as the top British club – but did not receive any silverware for their efforts.

And boss Farke said: "We won this tournament and actually I want the trophy. Especially in the US, you normally get the trophy for everything!

"I am a bit annoyed, but all jokes aside, there couldn't be a better ending of this tour.

"The boys have worked so hard – three weeks right now without a day off, more or less two weeks here in the US. Against Liverpool, we had more shots, more shots on target, way more corner kicks, set-pieces.

"We really fully deserved to win this game.

"Especially for such a brilliant, brilliant second half – so all credit goes to the players.

"We take lots of positives, not just from this game but lots of positives out of this tour. We will head back to the UK, need then perhaps one or two days to recover, then we go again."

The Whites host German club RB Leipzig in their next pre-season friendly on Saturday.

FARKE . . . impressed with side

‘Threats’ to Eckert

TONDA ECKERT was sent death threats following Southampton’s Spygate controversy.

Saints were booted out of the Championship play-off final after being found guilty of spying on Middlesbrough.

They will also start this campaign with a four-point penalty.

Boss Eckert, 33, was charged by the FA, which said the spying on Oxford, Ipswich and Boro was a “contrived and determined plan from the top down”.

On death threats, Eckert revealed: “I was advised not to drive myself any more but to sit in the back of the car instead.

“No training explains how to react when, for security reasons, you are suddenly supposed to sit in the back seat.”

Sport

MARC SKINNER quit as boss of Manchester United’s WSL team after transfer spending cuts.

Skinner, 43, took over in 2021 and led United to 2024 FA Cup glory – before signing a new two-year deal last year.

SHORT

It’s Gren ’n white

Celtic.....1
Dundee.....0

CELTIC debuted two star signings in their Scottish Premiership opener — but familiar face Benjamin Nygren stole the show.

Club-record £11million signing Kasper Hogh and fellow forward Camilo Duran made their bows for the champions in an edgy win over Dundee.

But it was Sweden ace Nygren, last season’s 21-goal top scorer, who nodded in a 52nd-minute winner from Kieran Tierney’s pinpoint cross.

Nygren said: “It’s great, it’s so nice to be back and to win at home.

“However, we created enough chances to score more goals.”

PREM

FLOP SHOP

Short selling!

UNITED AGAIN FAILING TO CASH IN

BOWLED OVER . . . United’s Heaton (left) and Maguire (second right) meet cricketers Tongue and Atkinson

By **SAMUEL LUCKHURST**
MAN UTD CORRESPONDENT

THE 2007 transfer window was Manchester United’s best — not just for who they bought, but also for who they sold.

It is in stark contrast to the current summer, where the Red Devils’ only senior sale agreed has been 21-year-old Tyler Fredricson.

The centre-back made four appearances before moving to the Ineos-owned Lausanne Sport in Switzerland — so he barely counts.

While United’s Big Six rivals are splashing the cash, the Red Devils are paying the price for years of a sub-par approach to sales.

Arsenal, hot in the pursuit of Real Madrid superstar Vinicius Jr, are the only one of those clubs to have spent less than the Old Trafford outfit this summer.

The Red Devils have so far forked out just £87million on Andrey Santos, Youri Tielemans, Tynan Thompson, while keeper Karl Darlow has arrived on a free.

Put simply, the more cash that United generate from outgoings, the more they can spend — and the lack of sales are hurting them.

Manchester City and Chelsea regularly lean on their network of sister clubs to trade players for profit.

That could be a home-grown academy product sold, for example, from Chelsea to Strasbourg.

Or a BlueCo-owned player going the other way before getting flipped within 18 months for a profit on the Stamford Bridge books.

Ineos also own Nice — but United have not taken advantage of that relationship, with Sir Jim Ratcliffe looking to sell the French club. While hardly fetching mega sums, United’s academy still does boast sales.

Andreas Pereira (£10m), James Garner (£15m), Dean Henderson (£20m), Anthony Elanga (£15m) and Alejandro Garnacho (£40m) all moved to Premier League rivals since 2022.

But Kobbie Mainoo and Shea Lacey are the only current first-team players produced by United’s academy.

Garnacho was the last United graduate to generate serious profit when Chelsea brought him last summer.

Nineteen years ago, United were pulling in good money for players they wanted to sell. In the same summer they signed Nani, Anderson and Owen Hargreaves.

Kieran Richardson joined Sunderland for £5.5m, while fellow academy graduate Giuseppe Rossi relocated to Villarreal permanently for £6.7m. Alan Smith went to Newcastle for £6million and the treacherous Gabriel Heinze headed to Real Madrid for £8m, having failed to engineer a move to bitter rivals Liverpool.

United were in a position of strength as reigning Prem champions.

And it helped that playing for Sir Alex Ferguson increased a player’s valuation.

Roy Keane could barely stomach sharing the same oxygen as Ferguson after United dumped him — but still signed five players from his old club as Sunderland boss.

It is incredible that Garnacho, Scott McTominay, Rasmus Hojlund, Mason Greenwood, Daniel James, David Beckham, Cristiano Ronaldo, Angel Di Maria and Romelu Lukaku are the only players United have sold for £25m or more.

The Red Devils desperately trumpeted Garnacho to Chelsea as a record academy sale at £40m.

He appeared to be sold on the cheap but Garnacho, now at Aston Villa, was so feckless that Chelsea might even have overpaid.

Out-of-favour forward Joshua Zirkzee *(inset)* is still on United’s books and Marcus Rashford remains in the building after a permanent move to Barcelona fell through following his loan.

It has been so long since Rashford was last back in the fold at United that he has not stepped foot in their new £50m building at Carrington, reopened a year ago.

It is a blow for Rashford that Villa, his ex-club who he thanked for his England World Cup 2026 call-up, opted for Garnacho, his old United left-wing challenger.

Rashford is not exactly old at 28 — but Villa and Barca moved for younger wingers.

His £325,000 weekly salary makes a sale prohibitive.

Even Richardson, a very different left winger at Old Trafford 20 years ago, was an easier sell.

HURZELER . . . draw

Fab feels the cold

BRIGHTON may get a trip to the Arctic Circle on their return to Europe.

Fabian Hurzeler’s side were drawn against either Norway’s Tromso, the most northerly top-level club in the world, or Romanians CFR Cluj in their Conference League play-off.

The away first leg will be on August 20 and the Amex return a week later.

Celtic will play Austria’s LASK in the Champions League play-offs, while Rangers face Larne or Iberia 1999 in the Europa League play-offs if they beat Jagiellonia Bialystok in a third-round qualifier.

Hearts got AGF Aarhus or Sabah if they get past Benfica, Motherwell will take on Freiburg if they beat HJK Helsinki, while Hibs will face IFK Gothenburg or Gent if they see off Shkendija.

PREM COUNTDOWN

17 DAYS TO GO

LEEDS new boy Harry Wilson was involved in 17 Premier League goals last season for Fulham (10 goals, seven assists).

United’s top assist maker was Brenden Aaronson, with five, while only Dominic Calvert-Lewin (14) scored more.

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CHELSEA'S

BACK . . . Mudryk on tour

Lampard in Myks

By JACK ROSSER

CHELSEA have been approached by several clubs to do a deal for Mykhailo Mudryk — including Frank Lampard's Prem new-boys Coventry.

The Blues winger, 25, can resume his career after the FA and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) resolved their disciplinary process against him following an appeal.

It meant his four-year doping ban ended early.

Mudryk, signed in an £88million deal in 2023, has joined new boss Xabi Alonso's squad on tour in Hong Kong.

Alonso hailed the Ukraine international as a "special player", though no final decision has been made on whether he stays with the club, is sold or goes out on loan.

The Sky Blues have expressed an interest should Mudryk move.

Two more Prem sides are believed to have enquired, while there is interest from three clubs in Europe.

Mudryk had been training alone and away from Chelsea since December 2024, having tested positive for meldonium.

His last competitive game was November 2024.

HEND

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club. Hopefully it's a good few years yet — but I'll give absolutely everything every day.

"I just want to come, be myself, try and help as much as possible, both on and off the pitch — and just try to help Chelsea be successful."

Liverpool fans are also upset that former skipper Henderson has joined one of their bitter rivals.

But the England player said chats with new Chelsea boss Xabi Alonso, himself an ex-Anfield star, were a big factor in him leaving Brentford to move across west London.

Henderson added: "They were good conversations.

"It was a big reason why I wanted to come. I've got huge admiration for him, both as a player and a manager.

"I'm very honoured to be able to work under him."

But Trevoh Chalobah looks unlikely to benefit further from Henderson's experience, after spending time with him at the World Cup.

Defender Chalobah is set to become the latest Cobham graduate to leave Chelsea, with Como closing in on a deal worth nearly £31m.

ONLY EAR FOR THE JEERS

Argie Barco got slap off Jude & can expect more abuse from Blues rivals

OUT OF ORDER . . . Barco winds up England and is cuffed by Bellingham (below)

ARGENTINIAN hothead Valentin Barco can expect a hostile reception from English fans whenever he plays for Chelsea.

By DAN KING

But the red-haired firebrand, who earned a clip round the ear from Jude Bellingham for his World Cup semi-final antics after Argentina's win, is no stranger to bouncing back from controversy.

Barco, 22, may have compatriot and fellow wind-up merchant Enzo Fernandez to help him run the gauntlet this season.

No one has yet stumped up the £120million Chelsea are demanding for Fernandez, who cupped his ears in front of Three Lions fans as he celebrated his equaliser against Thomas Tuchel's men last month *(right)*.

Yet whatever happens with his international team-mate, Barco will surely face the consequences of his behaviour following Fernandez's goal.

The ex-Brighton player *(left)*, who was an unused substitute, ran on to the pitch and appeared to taunt England stars.

And after the final whistle, Barco said or did something to antagonise Bellingham further, which resulted in the slap for which the Real Madrid star has escaped punishment. Venezuela's Bryant Ortega was not so lucky when he clashed with Barco in an Olympic qualifying match in February 2024.

After Barco was penalised for a foul, he threw the ball at another opponent, Rafael Uzcategui, catching him on the head.

Ortega retaliated on behalf of his team-mate in similar fashion, and both he and Barco were sent off.

Argentina feared Barco would be suspended for the remaining two matches of the final stage of qualifying.

But he received just a one-game ban and returned for the decisive game in Brazil.

Playing at left-back, he secured his third assist of the campaign by setting up the only goal of the game.

And for good measure, he showed the other side of his game in stoppage time by earning a yellow card for kicking the ball away as Brazil prepared to take a free-kick.

All this happened after Barco had signed for Brighton from Boca Juniors in January 2024 for just under £8m – but before he played for the Seagulls.

The transatlantic move was not the first time Barco had gone the extra mile to advance his career.

Boca spotted his talent at an early age but his home in Veinticinco de Mayo was a long way from the academy.

Barco revealed: "When I started playing football, my mother and then my father would travel 100km to take me to training every day.

"After that, we moved to live next to the stadium."

Boca, where Diego Maradona and many other Argentina legends rose to fame, converted Barco from a wide forward into a left-sided defender.

He made his debut at the age of 16 and, at 19, was part of the team which made it all the way to the 2023 final of the Copa Libertadores, South America's equivalent of the Champions League.

In the last-16 clash with Uruguay's Nacional, he stepped up to score the fifth and decisive penalty in the shootout.

Barco started the final against Fluminense but Boca lost 2-1 after extra time.

Manchester City were among those monitoring Barco. But it was Brighton who announced he was following in the

FLAME-HAIRED FIREBRAND

HIGH BAR
BARCO'S CAREER

		GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS
2021-24	Boca Juniors	35	2	4
2024-25	Brighton	7	0	0
2024-25	Sevilla (loan)	9	0	0
2025	Strasbourg (loan)	15	0	2
2025-26	Strasbourg	43	3	9
2024-	Argentina	5	2	0

footsteps of fellow South American recruits to the Amex such as fellow Argentinian Alexis Mac Allister and Ecuador's Moises Caicedo, now his team-mate at Chelsea.

Barco made seven appearances for Brighton in the remainder of the 2023-24 campaign, including three starts in the Premier League.

The Seagulls sent the young man on loan to Spanish club Sevilla for the 2024-25 campaign.

But he returned in the new year after struggling for game time and with injuries.

Barco and fiancee Yaz Jaureguy, an influencer from Argentina, were also victims of a burglary. A move to Strasbourg and the coaching of future Chelsea boss Liam Rosenior kick-started Barco's European adventure.

After recovering from a hamstring problem, he started the 14 remaining Ligue 1 games.

Just as significantly, Rosenior unlocked his potential in a new position.

Barco initially played as a wing-back for Strasbourg but soon found himself in the centre of midfield alongside Andrey Santos, who was on loan from sister club Chelsea.

He thrived at the heart of the team and became a key player in the side that secured Conference League qualification.

Barco was outstanding in a 4-2 win over Lyon in March 2025.

He joined Strasbourg permanently for £8m and continued his development, even after Rosenior left in January to replace Enzo Maresca as Chelsea boss.

The Blues were immediately linked with a move to sign him, with personal terms allegedly agreed back in April.

Strasbourg enjoyed another good season, reaching the semi-finals of the Conference League and French Cup.

The only blot on Barco's copybook was a red card for an X-rated foul on Lens' Morgan Guilavogui.

Until the World Cup semi-final.

Argentinians call people with ginger hair like Barco 'Colo' – short for 'Colorado'.

And he lived up to their combustible reputation with his behaviour against England, despite not kicking a ball in anger in Atlanta.

Barco can expect plenty of stick up and down the land when he pulls on a Chelsea shirt, following a move even some Blues fans are criticising.

But like any good Argentinian, he is unlikely to care.

Alonso enjoys g'days on tour

NEW MAN . . . Alonso yesterday

By JACK ROSSER
REPORTER WHO FOLLOWED BLUES DOWN UNDER

AUSTRALIA was probably not top of the list for Xabi Alonso to start his Chelsea revolution.

The new Blues boss would hardly have been jumping for joy when told his first port of call after Cobham was on the other side of the world.

However, where previous Chelsea tours have largely brought scandal and disgruntled coaches, Alonso has looked a picture of calm contentment – away from the dug-out at least.

If anything, a trip to Sydney gives a manager the chance to bond with his players and new colleagues.

That process began even before they took off. The week before the Chelsea circus headed for Australia and Asia, a staff match was arranged at Cobham.

Alonso and some of his team took on a few whippersnappers from the club and, frankly, stuffed them.

To the surprise of no one, the new manager was prolific when it came to teeing up the goals.

There was serious work to do before departure, too.

The sports scientists devised a plan for everyone to beat jet lag on their flight from Gatwick, via Sri Lanka, to Sydney.

It involved switching to Australian time as soon as they boarded the flight in Sussex, sleeping as quickly as possible once airborne and disembarking for a stretch at the stopover.

Alonso arrived refreshed enough to manage a swift couple of 10km runs from the Blues' W Hotel base in Darling Harbour.

The keen golfer also fitted in a round with club staff in order to get some precious one-on-one time.

Some players took a dip in a pool by Sydney Harbour Bridge and others took in the sights.

With some as young as 16 on the trip, a few were joined by family – including Mahdi Nicoll-Jazuli, the England youth midfielder born in Sydney and a favourite topic of the local press.

Alonso worked his side hard and, though usually ice-cool, his frustration following a 2-1 defeat to Spurs did not go unnoticed.

He was upset ideas worked on ahead of the game had not been replicated against their London rivals, while few were happy that they ended up facing ten men after Kevin Danso's red card.

Players did respond well to training.

Many noted there was less focus on rigid patterns of play, a welcome change from previous bosses.

Chelsea used Sydney FC's Sky Park as their base, where cockatoos and kookaburras made a racket as they observed from eucalyptus trees dotted around the site.

Senior staff from both clubs met over coffee to exchange ideas, while Alonso also got the chance to pick the brains of new Australia rugby boss Les Kiss ahead of their first training session in the city.

Given the track record of previous Blues trips overseas, where coaches have been seething, big injuries have been picked up and the club have faced racism scandals, their week went rather well.

HE DIVED! . . . Blues stars swim next to Sydney Harbour Bridge

McALLISTER . . . critic

VOW

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to resign. It is claimed an alliance has been formed in a bid to topple Infantino, 56, and 'paralyse Fifa'.

Uefa announced all its members would boycott the World Cup if Infantino's proposal got the go-ahead.

Now the confederations are considering staging their own international competitions if he insists on remaining in power and seeks re-election in March.

Uefa already have a blueprint for a Global Nations League — which would rival the World Cup — after it was initially commissioned in 2017.

Infantino's furious opponents are also ready to boycott Fifa council and committee meetings, and refuse to ratify decisions.

He has received only 15 declarations of support from the 211 member nations since his botched project was revealed.

Yesterday, the FA joined their Welsh counterparts in withdrawing their backing ahead of next year's presidential election. Serbia and Sweden followed suit.

An FAW statement read: "The recent failures in good governance, processes, leadership, values, stakeholder management, communications and sound judgment have led us to a position where Mr Infantino has lost the confidence of the FAW to remain at the helm.

"Failing to put the best interests of football first is a failure we cannot accept."

Infantino conceded his plan had "created division" and would not proceed.

Uefa's lawyers have written to Infantino ordering him and other Fifa staff to identify, locate and preserve all documents relating to the controversial plans.

Staff required to comply with the order include chief of global football development Arsene Wenger and chief operating officer Kevin Lamour, who issued an astonishing statement saying the Fifa administration had been "deceived" by Infantino.

Similar letters have been sent to investors Thrive Eternal and finance firm JP Morgan, involved in the doomed European Super League project in 2021.

Uefa vice-president Laura McAllister described the threat of legal action as "a very clear call for action for what's been an abysmal governance process".

She added: "I really hope we can have a change of leadership next year."

> This is a failure we cannot accept
> — WELSH FA STATEMENT

PREMIER LEAGUE

GREEK'S CHRIS... IS...

Supreme Tzolis fitness earns him 'Leonidas' nickname

ARSENAL new boy Christos Tzolis earned the nickname of a Spartan war hero after smashing fitness tests during pre-season training.

By SIMON COLLINGS

The winger, 24, has been top of the class since joining the Gunners from Club Brugge for £34million, so coaches have dubbed him Leonidas.

The Spartan king is one of the most famous characters from Ancient Greece – and was brought to life 20 years ago by Hollywood star Gerard Butler in the movie 300.

A bare-chested Butler depicted Leonidas' heroic strength on the silver screen and Tzolis is happy with the comparison.

The Greek star said: "One of the fitness coaches called me Leonidas, from 300.

"I know I've won the fitness tests. Not all the players are here yet. There are still some players that have to do the tests, of course.

"But so far, I'm first in the fitness test. It's like 20 metres, go back, 40 metres, go back, 60 metres, go back, I think five times in a row.

"So it's around 1.2 kilometres and it's as fast as possible. Actually, it's pretty hard.

"I had the advantage that I started pre-season also with Brugge, so I was already training for two weeks – and always I wanted to keep myself fit during summer so I was ready.

"I came here ready, my fitness level, and I was happy I could show it here as well."

Tzolis, who scored in Arsenal's 4–1 win over Girona on Saturday, may be compared to a great fighter for his work on the pitch.

But away from it, the winger has shown his softer side by singing Backstreet Boys for his initiation song at the club's pre-season training camp in Spain.

Tzolis said: "It was I Want It That Way. I tried to have an English song so everybody could be involved.

"It's actually really nice to be here, especially to be with the guys in the camp.

"That makes it a bit easier to settle in with the group because we are all together every day. Also, the level of training, you can see the difference in the intensity. The demand from everybody is very high, so I really like it and it's going well."

Tzolis joined Arsenal this summer after two stunning seasons with Club Brugge in the Belgian Pro League.

He scored 43 goals and assisted 45 times during 108 appearances, which led to the Gunners snapping him up.

The 34-cap Greece international has taken the No17 shirt at Arsenal, which was famously worn by Alexis Sanchez.

Tzolis said: "I knew he was wearing the shirt of No17.

"Of course, I watched a lot of football and he was a top player for Arsenal, as a left winger always.

"He's one of the players I looked up to when I was younger. And also, I see some similarities with him.

"But it's not the reason I took the No17. It was more that there were not so many options for the lower numbers, and there was also No18 and 19 available.

"I had them in the past, so I didn't want to use them again. So, I went for the No17. It's nice. Then also, Alexis Sanchez had No17 – so I hope I will have the same success."

Tzolis is back in the Premier League after previously spending three years with Norwich from 2021 to 2024.

He struggled during that time, though, and was loaned out to Twente and Fortuna Dusseldorf during his final two seasons with the Canaries.

But he has no regrets over his move to Carrow Road – his Prem debut came at the Emirates.

And he insisted his time in East Anglia made him stronger.

Tzolis added: "You can have some setbacks and difficulties. I learned a lot of things from this period at Norwich.

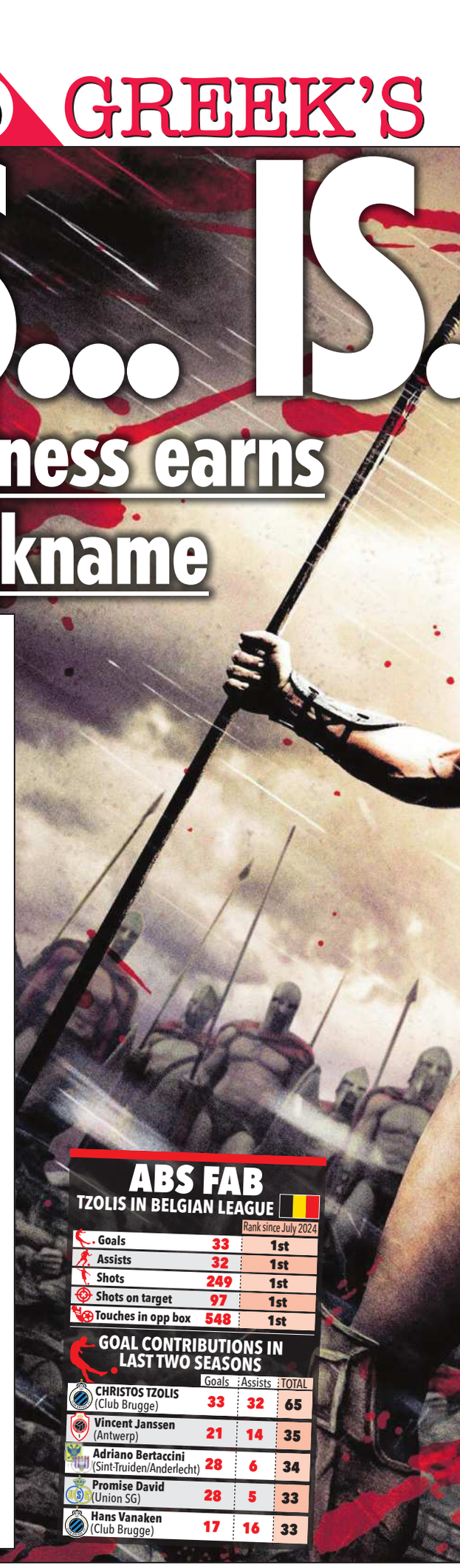
"And I feel now more ready to be in the Premier League. Now I have the chance to play for Arsenal.

"I made the right decision after Norwich. I developed myself, I improved a lot.

"I'm not the same player I was in Norwich, 100 per cent. I feel it also in my body and also in my mindset.

"Now it's my time to show that I'm ready and capable of playing in the Premier League."

FIT PARADE . . . Greek Tzolis leads the way in training



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TZOLIS IN BELGIAN LEAGUE

		Rank since July 2024
Goals	33	1st
Assists	32	1st
Shots	249	1st
Shots on target	97	1st
Touches in opp box	548	1st

GOAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN LAST TWO SEASONS

	Goals	Assists	TOTAL
CHRISTOS TZOLIS (Club Brugge)	33	32	65
Vincent Janssen (Antwerp)	21	14	35
Adriano Bertaccini (Sint-Truiden/Anderlecht)	28	6	34
Promise David (Union SG)	28	5	33
Hans Vanaken (Club Brugge)	17	16	33

GUNNER RUN AND RUN ...SPARTA!

WARRIOR SPIRIT . . . how Greek star Tzolis would look as Spartan leader King Leonidas in the Hollywood film 300

Star's odyssey brings him back to Emirates

ARSENAL fans are welcoming a familiar face to the Emirates this summer in Christos Tzolis.

The winger made his Prem debut at the Gunners' home five years ago when playing for Norwich.

Supporters may not remember the Greek star's performance as he chalked up 68 minutes before being hooked for Milot Rashica.

Tzolis failed to make an impact and Mikel Arteta's men ran out 1-0 winners to claim their first victory of the 2021-22 season.

And Tzolis, who starred for Club Brugge for the past two terms before landing back here, said: "I made my debut and it was crazy I played at the Emirates.

"It was a tough period for both teams back then.

"I had some good moments. But it was difficult to play offensive football at Arsenal.

"It's special as I played my first game in the Emirates and now I'm a player for Arsenal."

By SIMON COLLINGS

GREEK ODE . . . Tzolis holds off Odegaard in '21

ARTETA . . . big targets

VINI

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intermediaries for weeks and it is thought Toon chiefs are holding out for around £80m.

Guimaraes had been given an extended break following his exploits for Brazil at the World Cup.

But he linked up with the rest of the squad yesterday at their training camp in Spain.

The Samba ace was expected to meet with new boss Matthias Jaissle and sporting director Ross Wilson in La Manga.

Yet Guimaraes has his heart set on the Gunners — and following Anthony Gordon and Sandro Tonali out of the door.

Arsenal just need to finalise a fee for the midfielder as personal terms will not be an issue.

But a deal for Vinicius is far more challenging and hinges on whether he turns down the chance to stay at Real.

The Spanish giants have attempted to tie him down to fresh terms for over a year but no agreement has been found.

Arsenal are waiting in the wings and believe they can offer an attractive package IF the winger refuses to extend his contract. Mikel Arteta was bullish on the champions' transfer plans following Saturday's 4-1 pre-season win over Girona in Spain.

> We won't sit still... we are very ambitious
> — MIKEL ARTETA

The Gunners manager said: "We are already active and trying to improve on and evolve the team. That is clear.

"We expect to have movements in the next few weeks.

"We want to get better and you can see the transfer market, and our opponents, what we are doing, we won't sit still.

"We're very ambitious with where we want to go."

Arsenal have already signed a left-winger — spending £34m on Club Brugge's Christos Tzolis.

The Greek star, 24, scored in the win over Girona and is ready to fight for his place.

Despite the Gunners' interest in fellow wideman Vini Jr, Tzolis declared: "I'm confident as a player, so I don't think about the future and what the club will do in this position."

Meanwhile, Arsenal are hoping to land Blackburn forward Igor Tyjon, 18.

The Gunners are also set to snap up two 16-year-olds — Cardiff midfielder Axel Donczew and Crystal Palace striker Mylo Bernard.

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ARSENAL TRANSFER FIGHT

NO VIN, NO FEE

REAL DEAL . . . Arsenal target Vini Jr looked happy on his return to Madrid yesterday

Gunners target back training with Madrid as Toon reject £75m bid for Bruno

By SIMON COLLINGS

VINICIUS JR was all smiles yesterday as he returned to Real Madrid ahead of crunch talks over his future.

Arsenal are exploring a sensational long-shot deal to sign the Brazilian superstar, 26, who has entered the final year of his £400,000-a-week Bernabeu contract.

And the Gunners had a £75million offer for Bruno Guimaraes *(left)* rejected – on the day the Newcastle captain joined up with his team-mates in La Manga.

Yet the expectation remains the Brazil midfielder, 28, will get his wish to move to the Emirates.

Talks have been taking place through

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Blue rinse Hendo?

By DAN KING

JORDAN HENDERSON begged Chelsea fans: Give this old man a chance.

The Blues confirmed the signature of England midfielder Henderson *(right)* on a two-year deal yesterday after Brentford agreed to rip up his contract.

The 36-year-old knows supporters are questioning his shock move to Stamford Bridge – despite calls for Chelsea's owners to sign more experienced players.

Hendo said: "Especially with someone like me, the age will be a big talking point of coming here.

"I hope by the time I leave, everybody recognises what I can give and bring to this

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Uefa's WC split vow

By DANNY RUST

UEFA are threatening to set up their own version of the World Cup if disgraced Fifa chief Gianni Infantino refuses to quit.

The Swiss supremo is desperately clinging to his job after sending shockwaves through football with his tournament sell-off plan.

Infantino *(left)* aimed to flog shares in the World Cup to private investors before being forced into a humiliating U-turn.

And Uefa president Aleksander Ceferin has joined forces with Concacaf and Asian Football Confederation bosses in pushing for him

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Bring It on

ANDY EYES YORK PRIZES FOR BIG NAMES

By GRAHAM CLARK

ANDREW BALDING is ready to bring It home in the Juddmonte International at York.

The Kingsclere handler has been given the green light to run talented colt **Item** in the £1.5 million Group One by powerful owners, and race sponsor, Juddmonte.

After winning the Dante at the track in May, Item then finished down the field in the Derby. However, he bounced back with a second win on the Knavesmire when bagging the York Stakes.

That has given connections the confidence to return to the top table and take on the likes of Ombudsman and Constitution River in the York showpiece.

Balding added: "Item is an intended runner in the Juddmonte as long as all goes well with him in the next few weeks.

"It is not easy to win a Group 2 with a penalty, he did a lovely job at York.

"He has won two Group 2s now so he deserves another go at a Group 1."

Recent King George heroine **Kalpana** is likely to go to the Yorkshire Oaks.

He added: "After York her targets are undecided, but everything remains in play. That includes the Arc, and Champions Day at Ascot."

JUDD THE JOB . . . Andrew Balding's (*left*) Item on course for Juddmonte after two wins at York

ASFOORA'S BACK AGAIN

ASFOORA will be aimed at the Nunthorpe Stakes following her encouraging fourth at Goodwood. That was due to be the Aussie ace's last run but she will head back to York to defend her crown in the Group 1 on August 15 next.

Ry's up for Cup

By CALLUM JAMIESON

RYAN MOORE will make a rare appearance in the Shergar Cup at Ascot on Saturday.

Moore (*above*) will join Saffie Osborne and Dylan McMonagle as part of the star-studded GB and Ireland team at this weekend's feature meeting.

Moore, who has been freed from his commitments to Balldoyle, has only taken part in the event once before, when winning the Silver Saddle as top rider back in 2006. The 42-year-old is a World Pool ambassador and it is also the first time that operation have run a raceday under their banner.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club also have a team for the first time with Vincent Ho, Jerry Chau and Luke Ferraris making the trip.

Team Europe will be represented by Christophe Lemaire, Marie Velon and Frida Valle Skar. The Rest of the World will team includes Jamie Melham, Yutaka Take and Suraj Narredu.

Jockey Club quit

By CALLUM JAMIESON

THE JOCKEY CLUB have said they will join Ascot and leave the RCA at the end of 2026.

The RCA (Racecourse Association) only revealed its key recommendations for change to the trade body on Saturday after a lengthy review, but the Jockey Club has revealed it is creating a breakaway group.

The Jockey Club is responsible for 15 courses in Britain, including Cheltenham, Newmarket, Aintree and Kempton.

It hopes other large independent racecourses, like York, Newbury and Goodwood, may join them in the future.

The dramatic move raises key questions about the governance of the sport with new BHA Chief Simon Cox set to take up his job in October.

Jockey Club boss, Jim Mullen, said: "It is our intention to work with Ascot and other likeminded industry partners to pursue a vision based on the long-term sustainability of the sport and we are in the early stages of this."

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2.30 BRIAN GLANVILLE BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (Class 5) winner £4,187; 6f (7 runners)

1 341753 SAFARI DREAM 20 (BF,D)
(1) B Millman 6-10-0 ..... **Oisin Murphy** ●99
Runs: 46 Wins: 7 (3F,A,3G) Places: 8 £80,047
Keeping on at Bath over 5f latest, Oisin takes over from claimer, lots to like

2 36-606 NEWSREADER 33
(5) A Carroll 5-9-12..... **Rossa Ryan** 93
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 2 £18,767
Better on AW but has shown ability on turf, coming down weights, in mix

3 2-7188 ESCAPE PLAN 74 (BF,D)
(4) T Ward 3-9-10 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** 91
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £6,545
Excuses latest but another yet to win on turf, little leeway in mark, e-w

4 21-8 DIAMONDINTHEDARK 61 (D)
(7) M Loughnane 3-9-9 .. **Billy Loughnane** 88
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £4,999
Won AW novice at two but last on return/hcap bow, turf debut, bit to prove

5 09-327 MONSIEUR PATAT 36 (BF,D)
(3) A Wintle 9-9-9..... **David Egan** 95
Runs: 48 Wins: 7 (S,2F,3A,G) Places: 5 £42,771
Promise first two starts this term but bombed out latest, bounce back

6 68-875 THE COFFEE POD 10 (H;D)
(6) W Muir & C Grassick 5-9-6 **Lewis Edmunds** 92
Runs: 29 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 4 £46,583
Better than finishing position Salis latest, hcapper giving him chance, sniff

7 760732 THE FEMININE URGE 10 (D)
(2) G Harris 4-9-1 ..... **Seamus Cronin (5)** 97
Runs: 24 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 5 £20,154
Reared leaving stalls yet flew home at Lingers last time, in good nick, threat

BETTING: 9-4 Safari Dream, 7-2 The Feminine Urge, 4 Monsieur Patat, 13-2 Newsreader, Escape Plan, 8 The Coffee Pod, 16 Diamondinthedark

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6
2025: Starproof 5-9-4, L Edmunds 12-1 (W Muir & C Grassick), drw 5, 8 ran.

Sunracing FORM

SAFARI DREAM (9-5) 5-2 fav midfield, ridden inside final furlong, weakened towards finish, 3rd of 6 (btn 13/4l) to Grey Horizon (9-10) (Bath 6f app hcap (5) £4,187 firm).
NEWSREADER (9-9) 7-1 prominent, pushed along 2f out, weakened towards finish, 6th of 11 (btn 13/4l) to Initial Blue (9-5) (Kempton 6f hcap (5) £4,187 AW).
ESCAPE PLAN (9-9) 10-3 fav held up in rear, short of room and stumbled badly over 1f out, soon eased, 8th of 9 (btn 11l) to Double Naughty (9-3) (Bath 6f hcap (5) £4,187 good to firm).
DIAMONDINTHEDARK (9-6) 16-1 midfield, outpaced over 1f out, soon weakened, last of 8 (btn 6 1/4l) to Polka Blue (9-10) (Lingfield 7f hcap (5) £4,449 AW).
MONSIEUR PATAT (9-4) 5-2 fav took keen hold, held up in rear, ridden over 1f out, kept on, no danger, 7th of 9 (btn 4l) to Lequinto (9-13) (Windsor 6f hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
THE COFFEE POD (9-8) 16-1 towards rear, some headway final furlong, weakened towards finish, 5th of 10 (btn 2 3/4l) to Red Snapper (8-8) (Salisbury 6f hcap (5) £4,580 good to firm).
THE FEMININE URGE (9-0) 16-1 towards rear, pushed along 2f out, stayed on to press leader closing stages, just denied, btn nk by Duskaura (9-7) (7 ran) (Lingfield 6f hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).

3.00 EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) (3); 2-y-o; value to the winner £7,020; 7f. (7 runners)

1 (2) **21 PERFECT NATION 29 (D)** G Boughey 9-11 ..... **Billy Loughnane** ●99
2 (3) **5 ARTEMIS STAR 22 (H)** W Muir & C Grassick 9-4 ..... **Lewis Edmunds** 89
3 (5) **42 AVIONICS 24** A Balding 9-4 ..... **Ebrahim Nader** 98
4 (4) **7 FIRST MATE 17** E J-Houghton 9-4 ..... **Charles Bishop** 86
5 (1) **GEORGE CROSS** O Burrows 9-4 ..... **Callum Rodriguez —**
6 (7) **5 MIDGHAM MAN 36** B Millman 9-4 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 85
7 (6) **9 REVOKED 18** C Cox 9-4 ..... **Rossa Ryan** 73

BETTING: 7-4 Avionics, 3 Perfect Nation, 7-2 George Cross, 10 First Mate, Artemis Star, 14 Midgham Man, 33 Revoked

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

3.30 KEN MEREDITH MEMORIAL RACE HANDICAP (DIV 1) (6); value to the winner £3,454; 7f. (9 runners)

1 (8) **63-4567 LERWICK 12 (B,E★)** M Loughnane 6-10-1 ..... **Billy Loughnane** 85
2 (9) 812-863 **SOFIAN 7 (CD)** N Evans 4-9-12 ..... **Ryan Kavanagh (3)** 96
3 (6) 441-853 **BIRD OF WAR 40 (BF)** C Hills 3-9-10 ..... **Harry Vigors (5)** ●99
4 (4) 6-59863 **CYPRIOT DIASPORA 35 (CD)** B Millman 5-9-10 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 98
5 (2) 11600-5 **OUR DAGGER 127 (C,D)** A Wintle 5-9-9 ..... **Pat Dobbs** 82
6 (5) 1-80230 **THESTRAL 27 (D)** A Carroll 3-9-8 ..... **Rossa Ryan** 93
7 (1) 072-678 **LAUGHTERINTHERAIN 42** E Walker 3-9-7 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** 86
8 (3) 1467707 **EBN SABIT 34 (V★)** B Lund 3-9-4 ..... **Ben Ffrench Davis (5)** 80
9 (7) 45-5038 **GRAND VISTA 14 (P★)** W Muir & C Grassick 3-9-1 ..... **Lewis Edmunds** 89

BETTING: 7-2 Bird Of War, 7 Sofian, Cypriot Diaspora, 14 Thestral, 20 Grand Vista
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 6 2 2 4
2025: Sofian 3-9-0 E Gale 16-1 (Mrs N Evans) drawn 4, 9 ran.

4.00 KEN MEREDITH MEMORIAL RACE HANDICAP (DIV 2) (6); value to the winner £3,454; 7f. (9 runners)

1 (6) 68606-7 **MANHATTAN MIRAGE 60 (H)** A Wintle 5-9-13 ..... **Finley Marsh** 89
2 (8) 2956223 **ROSEMARY'S ROSE 22** B Millman 4-9-10 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 97
3 (4) 79-44 **VENTURING 33** A Carroll 3-9-10 ..... **William Carson** 85
4 (1) 74-89 **SPECULATIVE 73** T Dascombe 3-9-10 ..... **William Cox** 79
5 (9) 345 **MARCH OF TIME 14 (H)** C Cox 3-9-9 ..... **Rossa Ryan** ●99
6 (5) 4334-57 **PIAZZA 19** O Sangster 3-9-8 ..... **Tom Marquand** 92
7 (7) 319-043 **KALEIDOSCOPE EYES 21 (CD)** B Llewellyn & R Williams 4-9-6 **Robbie Downey** 98
8 (2) 878 **COSMIC JIVE 37** E Walker 3-9-4 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** 90
9 (3) 0350-07 **ICONIC DAWN 14 (B★)** H Morrison 3-8-13 ..... **Lewis Edmunds** 75

BETTING: 2 Rosemary's Rose, Kaleidoscope Eyes, 6 March Of Time, 8 Piazza, 14 Manhattan Mirage, Cosmic Jive, 20 Venturing, Speculative, 33 Iconic Dawn

4.30 DANDARA HOMES MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (4); value to the winner £5,400; 1m. (8 runners)

1 (1) **0 STOPHERANDGO 27** D Flood 9-9-9 ..... **Jack Doughty** —
2 (3) 3-43340 **ARBAAWY 25** J Butler 3-9-7 ..... **Billy Loughnane** ●99
3 (7) **FLAGBEARER** W Haggas 3-9-7 ..... **Tom Marquand** —
4 (4) **HERSTMONCEUX** W Muir & C Grassick 3-9-7 ..... **Lewis Edmunds** —
5 (5) **5 VINCENZO BELLINI 35** M Loughnane 3-9-7 ..... **Callum Hutchinson** 80
6 (8) **WOOTZ** R Varian 3-9-7 ..... **Ray Dawson** —
7 (2) 83 **FALLEN LOGIC 19** G Harris 3-9-2 ..... **William Carson** 74
8 (6) 78 **MOUNTAIN OF LIGHT 54** J Horton 3-9-2 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 87

BETTING: 15-8 Flagbearer, Arbaawy, 3 Wootz, 16 Mountain Of Light, Vincenzo Bellini

5.00 GOLWG GWENDRAETH HANDICAP (5) 3-Y-O; winner £4,187; 1m (5 runners)

1 833 MYTHOLOGICAL STAR 29
(4) D & C Kubler 9-9 ..... **Billy Loughnane** 98
Runs: 3 Places: 1 £2,029
Solid efforts last twice, hcapper hasn't gone overboard, taken seriously

2 -46815 STATION BAR 35 (D)
(1) E J-Houghton 9-4 ..... **Charles Bishop** 91
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £10,388
Win at Bath but put in his place at Salis off new mark last time, down list

3 079-61 GELATO 48 (C)
(2) A Wintle 9-3 ..... **Finley Marsh** ●99
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (S) £5,752
Step up in trip (7f) did trick here latest, 1m fine, 7lb hike but go close

4 055- SOMETHINGINTHEAIR 244
(5) J Moore 9-0 ..... **David Egan** 88
Runs: 3 £0
Better with each run last season, opening mark fair, claims if ready to go

5 569-54 HURRICANE LAUGHTER 19
(3) E Walker 8-13 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** 86
Runs: 5 £824
Only modest form so far, looks to be in hcapper's grip, others better

BETTING: 6-4 Mythological Star, 9-4 Gelato, 11-2 Somethingintheair, 13-2 Station Bar, 10 Hurricane Laughter
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2
2025: Nakaaha 9-7, David Egan 4-1 (G Harris), drawn 5, 7 ran.

5.30 DANDARA HOMES HANDICAP (6) value to the winner £3,454; 1m 4f (10 runners)

1 04-932 CONDOTTI 29 (V)
(6) H Palmer 4-10-0 ..... **Oisin Murphy** ●99
Runs: 13 Places: 5 £9,355
Deserves a win, close second at Ayr latest, Oisin up, give good account

2 118743 BEAUNE 14 (D)
(10) B J Llewellyn & Robert Williams 4-9-11 **Harry Vigors (5)** 86
Runs: 24 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 7 £20,437
All three wins at this trip but 0-11 on turf, hcapper giving him chance, e-w

3 85-252 JIMMY MARK 20 (C,D)
(1) Z Hawkins 6-9-10 ..... **Rossa Ryan** 95
Runs: 33 Wins: 5 (2F,GS,2G) Places: 8 £31,805
Three fair efforts this season but probably tad too high in weights, squeak

4 068-72 PRAISE INDEED 21
(8) W Muir & C Grassick 4-9-7 **Lewis Edmunds** 97
Runs: 5 Places: 1 £1,621
Much more like it here (1m2f) last month, mark unchanged, dangerous

5 43-428 GRINDLETON 63 (BF)
(2) D & C Kubler 3-9-3 .... **Tom Marquand** 94
Runs: 6 Places: 2 £3,717
Excused AW flop latest, Nottm second previously gives him a say here

6 -67391 ADA ROSE 49 (D)
(4) K De Foy 3-9-1 ..... **David Egan** 96
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £4,006
Taking win at Wolves and up 6lb, this just her second turf start, in the mix

7 830-97 POMERIGGIO 50
(5) N Evans 5-9-0 ..... **Ryan Kavanagh (3)** 77
Runs: 23 Wins: 1 (A) £10,889
Poor strike-rate and done little to rouse excitement of late, others better

8 4-0075 HOUNDSWOOD WILLOW 27
(9) T Dascombe 3-8-13 ..... **William Cox** 91
Runs: 6 £773
First meaningful piece of form latest, eased in weights again, e-w sniff

9 331150 A DAUGHTERS LOVE 10
(3) D Flood 3-8-12 ..... **Jack Doughty** 88
Runs: 13 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 2 £8,718
Out of her depth at Ascot last time, this easier but still needs career-best

10 70-0 CARTREFLE 56 (P★)
(7) E De Giles 3-8-4 ..... **Molly Gunn (5)** 70
Runs: 3
Yet to beat a rival, basement mark for hcap debut but still doesn't appeal

BETTING: 5-2 Ada Rose, 10-3 Condotti, 4 Praise Indeed, Jimmy Mark, 14 Grindleton, Houndswood Willow, Beaune, 33 A Daughters Love, 66 Pomeriggio, Cartrefle
WHERE FAVES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

EACH-WAY THIEF

LILLISTAR (3.15 Catterick) has been running well at this level. Have an each-way double with HAVANA SKY (6.48 Lingfield) who has a good record at this track and won't be far away.

TOP 5 BETS OF THE DAY 04 AUG 2026 — TRAFFIC LIGHT RATINGS (5 = EXCELLENT 3 = AVERAGE 1 = POOR)

	HORSE	Crs	Dis	Gng	Cls	Form	Spd	Trn	Jky	Total
1	HANSTEEN 4:15 CATTERICK	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	39/40
2	ICONIC TIMES 2:45 CATTERICK	3	5	3	5	4	5	5	5	35/40
3	BARMYBLADE 3:45 CATTERICK	5	5	5	5	3	5	4	3	35/40
4	ROSEMARY'S ROSE 4:00 FFOS LAS	4	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	35/40
5	SLACK ALICE 3:15 CATTERICK	4	3	5	5	5	5	4	3	34/40

TEMPLEGATE

2.30 ..... Newsreader
3.00 ..... Perfect Nation
3.30 ..... Cypriot Diaspora
4.00 ..... Kaleidoscope Eyes
4.30 ..... Arbaawy
5.00 ... MYTHOLOGICAL STAR (nap)
5.30 ..... Condotti

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Mythologic (double, Lingfield) with Waakabb (C TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Zephlyn (Cz (Ffos Las). SUNRATINGS' NAP: HANS THE JUDGE: CONDOTTI (5.30 Ffos La

TIC-TAC: Left-handed turf course of 1m course. **DRAW:** Little effect. **FAVOURITE** races (35.5%). At the previous correspond (6.7%). **LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING**

HOT 'N

TRAINERS with best record in last 14 d wins from 29 runners; B Millman 7 from 19; A **JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days:** 18 wins from 66 rides; R Kavanagh 5 wins from **TRAINERS who have had the most runner** 24; T Ward 22; T Dascombe 21; B J Llewellyn **JOCKEYS who have had the most rides si** Harry Vigors 31; K Shoemark 18; C Bishop 17;

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 H Morrison 15-56, A Balding 12-65, B Millman 12-84, W Muir & C Grassick 11-60, B J Llewellyn & Robert Williams 11-173, E Walker 10-51, A Wintle 9-73, W Haggas 7-12, G Boughey 7-18, A Carroll 7-59. **THIS SEASON:** A Wintle 3, E Walker 2, H Morrison 2, Ollie Sangster 2.

TRAINER

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 2.30 Newsr
RACEFAX: None Today. **LONGEST TRAVE** G Boughey, Newmarket, round trip of 542 Newmarket, round trip of 542 miles; **Mounta** Newmarket, round trip of 542 miles; **Ada Ros** round trip of 542 miles; **Wootz** (4.30) trained miles; **Flagbearer** (4.30) trained by W Haggas

IN THE

MONEY TALKS: Monsieur Patat (2 **Laughterintherain** (3.30) opened 10-1 unpla 14-1 second at 10-1; **Grindleton** (5.30) ope (2.30) opened 8-1 unplaced at 7-1.
TOP EARNERS: 2.30 **Safari Dream** £80,0 **Monsieur Patat** £42,771; 3.30 **Cypriot Dias** 3.30 **Lerwick** £29,812.

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SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None. **BLINKERE** Dawn. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** 3.30 Ebn Sabt.
WEIGHTWATCHER: 2.30 **The Feminine** **Cypriot Diaspora** (won off 63 down 4lb to 5 **JOB JOCKEY:** C Rodriguez rides **Geor** from 62, 31%. O Murphy rides **Condotti** (Loughnane rides **Arbaawy** (4.30) for J Bu **Flagbearer** (4.30) for W Haggas, 439 from 2

ROSCOMMON OVER THE JUMPS

GOING: GOOD TO YIELDING

EAMONN HAMES

5.25 ..... Goodmancon
6.00 ..... Chantilly Wings
6.30 ..... Western Model (nb)
7.00 ..... Impero
7.30 ..... King's Son
8.00 ..... IL SILENZIO (nap)
8.30 ..... Lonelyharbourwall

TOM PEPPER

5.25 ..... Cool Native
6.00 ..... Direct Approach
6.30 ..... Sound Judgement
7.00 ..... Hashtag Pretender
7.30 ..... Dunany Point
8.00 ..... One Way Traffic
8.30 ..... Iron Sword

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed, sharp track of 1m2f, with 3f run from final bend to finish. There are 6 hurdles and 6 fences per circuit. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): G Elliott 13-84, W P Mullins 10-40, H De Bromhead 10-47, G Cromwell 5-43. THIS SEASON: G Elliott 4, E McNamara 2, R Hackett 1. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): D J O'Keeffe 8-80, P T Enright 5-49, J J Slevin 4-33, J W Kennedy 4-33. THIS SEASON: Alan O'Sullivan 1, Tom Kelly 1, D J O'Keeffe 1. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Carrigane (5.25), Priory Park (6.30), Island Mccoo (7.30) trained at Limerick. Round trip of 216 miles. ■JACKPOT: Races 3-6. PLACEPOT: Races 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: M Brassil won the 8.00 in 2021 and 2025. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

★ NEXT weekend's Prix Maurice de Gheest has emerged as a potential next port of call for **Almeraq** following his disappointing run in the July Cup. The Sprint Cup at Haydock next month and a return to Ascot for Champions Day have been identified as major targets for the second half of the season, but the Royal Ascot winner could first head to Deauville for the Group 1 over 6½f.

5.25 MAIDEN HURDLE; winner £7,200; 2m 4f. (16 runners)

1 **62/0 BOSTON COMMON 32** S Neville 6-11-12 ..... **J Slevin**
2 0F **CASPER CHARLIE 29** U Corcoran 5-11-12 ..... **P Enright**
3 **CORAL REID** E McNamara 5-11-12 ..... **T Kelly (7)**
4 -85F **GOODMANCON 33** P Breen 6-11-12 ..... **J Power**
5 7-4P **INSTALLMENT 11** W Lanigan 6-11-12 ..... **D Mullins**
6 F/2 **MINELLA MOON SHINE 29** J Nallen 6-11-12 ..... **D King**
7 /PF- **RODEO JOE 389** D Walsh 6-11-12 ..... **P Cody (7)**
8 7-7P **RULED BY THE SUN 11** R Hackett 5-11-12 ..... **L Quinlan**
9 -339 **SEVEN TOWERS 32 (BF)** G Cromwell 5-11-12 **K Donoghue**
10 080- **WHO'S GOING 122** G Elliott 4-11-8 ..... **S Ewing**
11 U4-3 **COOL NATIVE 21** G Elliott 6-11-5 ..... **J Kennedy**
12 -478 **LOUIE D'ARC 140** W Harvey 5-11-5 ..... **B Harvey**
13 9 **MAPLE MORNIN 23** D Christie 6-11-5 ..... **E Staples (5)**
14 **22-4 STAR CAVE 25** P Foley 6-11-5 ..... **S Torrens**
15 3-33 **TUMBLING IN 18 (BF)** E McNamara 5-11-5 ..... **G Noonan**
16 76/ **XQUISE FOR THE SUN** I Ferguson 6-11-5 ..... **E Walsh**
17 -324 **CARRIGANE 50** D Dalgan 6-11-12 ..... **RESERVE**
18 **F4-2 KALICO LEADER 92** E Buckley 7-11-12 ..... **RESERVE**
19 **SIEGE OF MILAN** R O'Sullivan 6-11-12 ..... **RESERVE**
Cool Native ●99, Tumbling In 96, Seven Towers 88.
9-4 Tumbling In, 3 Cool Native, 4 Minella Moon Shine, 5 Goodmancon, 8 Seven Towers, 12 Casper Charlie, Star Cave

6.00 MAIDEN HURDLE; winner £7,200; 1m 7f 110yds. (16 runners)

1 /12- **CLAY PIGEONS 198 (BF,D)** W P Mullins 6-11-12 **B Hayes**
2 /43- **MINELLA FOLLOW 289 (D)** J Nallen 6-11-12 ..... **S King**
3 -4C4 **EARTHWATCH 11** D Hogan 4-11-9 ..... **D O'Keeffe**
4 7R5 **WILLIAM F BROWNE 8** P Flynn 4-11-9 **J Williamson (5)**
5 PP/ **HAUGHTY F10** V Ward 6-11-5 ..... **Mr B Coonan (7)**
6 2U26 **CAPTAIN HANLEY 728 (H)** E O'Connell 6-11-4 **P Enright**
7 45-2 **CHANTILLY WINGS 25** C Collins 5-11-4 ..... **C Millar (5)**
8 P-U0 **KILMOND KNIGHT 14** D Barry 6-11-4 ..... **A O'Sullivan (5)**
9 439- **LE ROI ARTHUR 318** E Buckley 5-11-4 ..... **K Buckley**
10 0-U0 **SAVIOUR BLU 14 (H★)** M Flannery 7-11-4 **S Fitzgerald**
11 -F43 **WHOYOUGONNACALL 14** J Ryan 5-11-4 **M Kenneally (5)**
12 9-63 **DIRECT APPROACH 11** G Elliott 4-11-1 ..... **J Kennedy**
13 -790 **GLENMORE GRADUATE 18** P Maher 5-10-11.. **J Slevin**
14 P0 **LEVA DEVA 56** D Collins 5-10-11 ..... **J Gilligan (5)**
15 4-89 **PROPHETESS MIRIAM 58 (H)** C Collins 6-10-11.. **E Walsh**
16 4-R0 **SPEISIALTA 12 (H)** A Black 6-10-11 ..... **E Staples (5)**
17 **ATABOYMILEY** P Rothwell 6-11-4 ..... **RESERVE**
18 **JOHN GUN** K Purcell 4-11-1 ..... **RESERVE**
19 **GOEASYONME** J Ryan 5-11-4 ..... **RESERVE**
Whoyougonnacal ●99, Chantilly Wings 97, Clay Pigeons 96.
5-2 Chantilly Wings, 3 Minella Hollow, 7-2 Clay Pigeons, 11-2 Whoyougonnacall, 7 Direct Approach, 8 Captain Hanley

6.30 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner £7,200; 3m. (16 runners)

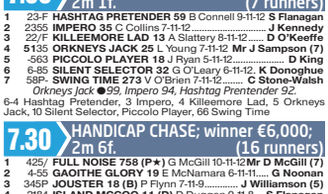
1 4-34 **BORN BRIGHT 57** C O'Connell 7-11-12 ..... **J Smith (5)**
2 -470 **MEPHISTO 6 (V)** G Keane 9-11-11 ..... **E Finegan (5)**
3 P-F0 **KLANISI FLASH 23 (B★)** J McConnell 9-11-10.. **A Harvey**
4 6-31 **SOUND JUDGEMENT 25 (D)** G Elliott 6-11-7 **J Kennedy**
5 7PP- **STARZOV 352 (C)** P Rothwell 9-11-6 ..... **R Sugrue (7)**
6 50-8 **MAVETHERAVE 31** C O'Connell 6-11-5 ..... **D Mullins**
7 4P9- **PRIORY PARK 108** E Power 10-11-5 ..... **K Sexton**
8 00-4 **GETAWAY CHARLIE 29 (P★)** T Doyle 10-11-4 **D Doyle (7)**
9 800- **IT'S NOT HIS FAULT 152** E McNamara 5-11-4.. **G Noonan**
10 F26- **ITSAWORKINMANIAM 296 (T★)** B McMahon 7-11-4 **J Slevin**
11 0P-1 **MR DIBBS 84 (B)** G Cromwell 7-11-4 ..... **E Staples (5)**
12 -831 **WESTERN MODEL 29 (CD)** A Kinirons 7-11-4. non-runner
13 -061 **SHE'LL BE KEPT 14** B McMahon 6-11-3 ..... **P Enright**
14 9-P6 **GLITZ AND GLAMOUR 25** E McNamara 5-11-2 ..... **C Hogan (5)**
15 0115 **SALLAP 2** S Curling 6-11-2 ..... **M Kenneally (5)**
16 -611 **KNOCKNAGORAN LADY 25 (V)** C Hughes 7-11-1.. **D King**
17 -51P **WILD MANDATE 2 (B)** M McNiff 7-10-13 ..... **RESERVE**
18 9132 **SMACKWATER JACK 14 (H)** N Foster 12-10-12 **RESERVE**
19 5-38 **ITS NOT OVER YET 29 (CD)** O McKiernan 7-10-12 **RESERVE**
Sallap ●99, She'll Be Kept 98, Knocknagoran Lady 97.
4 She'll Be Kept, 9-2 Knocknagoran Lady, 5 Sallap, 11-2 Sound Judgement, 6 Mr Dibbs, 10 Born Bright

7.00 BEGINNERS CHASE; winner €7,800; 2m 1f. (7 runners)

1 23-F **HASHTAG PRETENDER 59** B Connell 9-11-12 **S Flanagan**
2 2355 **IMPERO 35** C Collins 7-11-12 ..... **J Kennedy**
3 22/F **KILLEENMORE LAD 13** A Slattery 8-11-12 ..... **D O'Keeffe**
4 5135 **ORKNEYS JACK 25** L Young 7-11-12 **Mr J Sampson (7)**
5 -563 **PICCOLO PLAYER 18** J Ryan 5-11-12 ..... **D King**
6 6-85 **SILENT SELECTOR 32** G O'Leary 6-11-12, **K Donoghue**
7 58P- **SWING TIME 273** V O'Brien 7-11-12 ..... **C Stone-Walsh**
Orkneys Jack ●99, Impero 94, Hashtag Pretender 92.
6-4 Hashtag Pretender, 3 Impero, 4 Killeemore Lad, 5 Orkneys Jack, 10 Silent Selector, Piccolo Player, 66 Swing Time

7.30 HANDICAP CHASE; winner €6,000; 2m 6f. (6 runners)

1 425/ **FULL NOISE 758 (P★)** G McGill 10-11-12 **Mr D McGill (7)**
2 4-55 **GAOITHE GLORY 19** E McNamara 6-11-11 ..... **G Noonan**
3 345P **JOUSTER 18 (B)** P Flynn 7-11-9 ..... **J Williamson (5)**
4 2184 **ISLAND MCCOO 11 (D)** D Duggan 9-11-8 .. **S Flanagan**
5 -2U1 **LADIES WELL 18** A Slattery 6-11-8 ..... **D O'Keeffe**
6 -366 **KING'S SON 13 (B★)** S Neville 6-11-5 ..... **J Slevin**
7 82-7 **ANOTHER CHALLENGE 75** O McKiernan 6-11-4 .... **P Enright**
8 -0P3 **DUNANY POINT 13** C Maxwell 7-11-4 ..... **K Buckley**
9 0P-3 **DOYEN WOLF 84** J Finn 10-11-1 ..... **S O'Callaghan (3)**
10 4-30 **FIRSTUPBESTDRESSED 21 (P★)** G McGill 6-10-13 **Mr O McGill (5)**
11 -P18 **BACKINABIT 12 (B;BF)** D Hogan 7-10-11 ..... **D King**
12 B-66 **BALLYREDINKINGSTON 33** J Ryan 6-10-11 **M Kenneally (5)**



OOGUM BOOGUM (8.00 Roscommon) looks a fair price off this lower mark over what should be an ideal distance.

13 -084 **TANTRUM BOY 14** B McMahon 6-10-11 ..... **P Byrnes**
14 P-0P **RIDEAU CANAL 57 (D)** D Foster 11-10-10 . **E O'Sullivan (7)**
15 /00P **JOHNNY M 18 (B)** E McNamara 8-10-6 .... **P O'Brien (5)**
16 PPD4 **MAX TIME 19** I Madden 9-10-5 ..... **A O'Sullivan (5)**
17 7-32 **RUN FOR THE BORDER 14 (BF)** J Ryan 6-12-0.. **RESERVE**
18 -7FP **CHARLIE'S GIFT 50** J Burke 6-11-8 ..... **RESERVE**
19 PPP1 **NOT SO SERIOUS 14** W Lanigan 5-11-4 ..... **RESERVE**
Ladies Well ●99, Dunany Point 96, King's Son 93.
5-2 Ladies Well, 4 Island Mccoo, 5 Dunany Point, 10 King's Son, 12 Tantrum Boy, Full Noise, Doyen Wolf, Gaoithe Glory

8.00 HANDICAP CHASE; winner €6,000; 3m 1f. (16 runners)

1 0905 **MIDNIGHT MOONSHINE 13** W Harvey 7-12-0 **B Harvey**
2 260- **DECIMATION 145 (B)** E McNamara 11-11-13... **C Hogan (5)**
3 U812 **KILKEE BAY 18 (B;C)** E McNamara 7-11-12.. **Mr J Dunne (7)**
4 F9-2 **ONE WAY TRAFFIC 75** O McKiernan 9-11-11 . **P Enright**
5 P1-4 **IL SILENZIO 59 (CD)** M Brassil 9-11-9 .... **C Smithers (7)**
6 84U7 **SAMPOET 21** D Christie 9-11-9 ..... **E Staples (5)**
7 6-45 **DIFFICULT DECISION 59 (B)** O McKiernan 13-11-8 **J Duggan (7)**
8 4PP- **JOHN STOREY 114** I Donoghue 8-11-8 ..... **K Donoghue**
9 -0P9 **BALLAGH STAR 23** Y Dunleavy 8-11-4 **J Williamson (5)**
10 0-39 **STORMY MASTER 57 (B;D)** R Hackett 12-11-4 . **L Quinlan**
11 -107 **MADE U LOOK 18** E O'Sullivan 7-11-0 ..... **A O'Sullivan (5)**
12 3238 **OOGUM BOOGUM 13 (B★)** D Budds 8-10-13.. **C Millar (5)**
13 7-PP **KILASHEE 18 (C)** J Ryan 11-10-10 ..... **M Kenneally (5)**
14 -PP6 **WRITTEN IN MY SOUL 21 (B,T★)** E Delany 6-10-8.. **D O'Keeffe**
15 P-P0 **CAPTAIN KATE 13 (B)** E Sheehy 7-10-2.. **S Cleary-Farrell (7)**
16 0RP/ **DEAL AGAIN 637** V O'Brien 12-10-2 ..... **C Stone-Walsh**
17 1430 **LOVE LIKE THIS 11 (BF)** J Ryan 8-10-6 ..... **RESERVE**
18 9266 **TRUE HARMONY 12** S Neville 6-10-12 ..... **RESERVE**
19 -342 **THEWAYBACKHOME 25 (BF)** T O'Brien 5-11-5 **RESERVE**
One Way Traffic ●99, Il Silenzio 98, Midnight Moonshine 97.
11-4 One Way Traffic, 7-2 Kilkee Bay, 5 Il Silenzio, 7 Midnight Moonshine, 8 Difficult Decision, 10 Oogum Boogum, 12 Sampoet

8.30 NAT HUNT FLAT; 4-y-o; winner €6,601; 1m 7f 110yds. (16 runners)

1 84 **CHARLES KICKHAM 19 (H)** K Purcell 11-10 **Mr J Barry**
2 **CONOR'SALWAYSRIGHT** P Rothwell 11-10 **Mr J Dunne (7)**
3 **GEORGES PARK** J Ryan 11-10 ..... **Mr O McGill (5)**
4 **HIDDEN EMPIRE (T★)** W Crawford 11-10 **Mr S Connor (7)**
5 75 **HOT ROCK HARRY 31** G Cromwell 11-10 .. **Mr B Coonan (7)**
6 5 **INISHTEARAGH 19** E Mullins 11-10 ..... **Mr B Stone (7)**
7 5 **IRON SWORD 59 (BF)** A Slattery 11-10 .. **Mr A Ryan (5)**
8 **LONELYHARBOURWALL** D Weld 11-10 **Mr P Smullen (7)**
9 52 **MOUNTAIN SKY** G O'Leary 11-10 ..... **Mr F Maguire**
10 3 **MR ENIGMA 31** C Maxwell 11-10 ..... **Mr D McGill (7)**
11 **ROCKY ALFONSO** S Curling 11-10 ..... **D Doyle (7)**
12 **TEDDY JONES** R Cody 11-10 ..... **Miss E Cody (7)**
13 7 **THROWNEDOWNSOMTHIN 19** I Madden 11-10 **Mr J Sampson (7)**
14 87- **WEE FALLON 273** I Donoghue 11-10 ..... **Ms E Fallon (7)**
15 **LOLA O C H** Bromhead 11-3 ..... **Mr J Gleeson**
16 **SHE MEANS BUSINESS** P Fahey 11-3. **Mr D O'Connor**
17 **KIPPERSANDCUSTARD** J Carr 11-10 ..... **RESERVE**
Mountain Sky ●99, Iron Sword 93, Inishtearagh 89.
11-4 Lola O C, 11-2 Mountain Sky, 6 Inishtearagh, 13-2 She Means Business, 7 Iron Sword, 8 Lonelyharbourwall, 10 Mr Enigma

TEMPLEGATE NAP — MYTHOLOGICAL STAR 5.00 Ffos Las

Promise in maidens and can strike on this handicap debut.

TEMPLE — TABASKO 7.18 Lingfield

Went close at Doncaster and has plenty of staying power to boot.

PROBETS

HANDICAP SNIP: HALIMEDE (4.15 Catterick) can show more making her handicap debut after some promise in maidens.
SUPER SPEED: ICONIC TIMES

TEMPU — RACING'S NO1 T

MYTHOLOGICAL STAR can shine under Billy The Kid (5.00 Ffos Las, nap).

The booking of risking star Loughnane takes the eye for the in-form Kublers after he was beaten just over half a length at Lingfield last time. He saw out the mile strongly and can go one better on handicap debut from a fair mark.

TABASKO looks hot (7.18 Lingfield, nb). He has been knocking on the door since starting handicapping for Ed Walker who has his horse in good form.

He has been second on his

, FORM AND TIPS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK!

G: GOOD

TOM PEPPER

2.30..... Escape Plan
3.00..... First Mate
3.30..... Laughterintherain
4.00..... March Of Time
4.30..... Vincenzo Bellini
5.00..... Hurricane Laughter
5.30.Houndswood Willow (nb)

al Star (Ffos Las) and Tabasko
atterick).
atterick) and Houndswood Willow
STEEN (4.15 Catterick).
s).

4f, 5f & 6f races are run on the straight
S: (2021-2026): 312 have won out of 879
ing meetings, 1 have won out of 15 races

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ays: Ollie Sangster 7 from 16; R Varian 11
A Wintle 4 from 15; E Walker 8 from 33.
: Rossa Ryan 10 wins from 35; B Loughnane
n 22; L Edmunds 6 wins from 31.
s since last win: E De Giles 29; H Morrison
& Robert Williams 20; G Harris 17.
nce last win: David Egan 41; 41; W Cox 31;
O Murphy 13; W Carson 7; Rossa Ryan 3.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 Rossa Ryan 19-61, L Edmunds 16-78, B Loughnane 11-51, K Shoemark 11-61, C Hutchinson 10-59, O Murphy 8-44, David Egan 7-39, T Marquand 4-20, F Marsh 4-70, W Cox 3-47. **THIS SEASON:** B Loughnane 7, K Shoemark 4, Rossa Ryan 4, Harry Vigors 2.

R TRACE

eader E Smyth-Osbourne to A Carroll.
ELLERS: **Perfect Nation** (3.00) trained by miles; **Arbaawy** (4.30) trained by J Butler, **in Of Light** (4.30) trained by James Horton, **e** (5.30) trained by K P De Foy, Newmarket. by R Varian, Newmarket, round trip of 542 s, Newmarket, round trip of 542 miles.

MONEY

2.30) opened 7-2 unplaced at 5-2f; aced at 15-2; **Praise Indeed** (5.30) opened ened 6-4 unplaced at 11-8j; **Newsreader**

047; 2.30 **The Coffee Pod** £46,583; 2.30 **spora** £34,137; 5.30 **Jimmy Mark** £31,805;

ORDERS

D FIRST TIME: 3.30 Lerwick; 4.00 Iconic
FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None today.
Urge (won off 67 down 10lb to 57); 3.30
9); **Lerwick** (won off 76 down 12lb to 64).
ge Cross (3.00) for Owen Burrows, 19 5.30) for H Palmer, 65 from 257, 25%. B utler, 6 from 26, 23%. T Marquand rides 047, 21%.

LEGATE

TIPSTER STEVE MULLEN

Star ready to sparkle

past two outings with a second at Epsom before filling the same spot at Donny last time. He doesn't need a lot more.

WAAKABB (2.15 Catterick, treble) caught the eye when third on debut at Wolver. He had to be switched which didn't help before finishing well. That form has worked out and he can take a big enough step forward.

GATE NB

★ TEMPLEGATE TREBLE
WAAKABB
2.15 Catterick
Good debut at Wolver and should take a fair step forward.

(2.45 Catterick) clocked a fast time when winning at Wolverhampton last time out and won't be far away.
GAMBLED ON: GEARINGS POINT (7.48 Lingfield) was well backed before finishing just outside the frame at Epsom latest.

CATTERICK GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

2.15 ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND/EBF NOVICE STAKES (Class 3); 2-y-o; winner £6,804; 7f. (7 runners)

1 (1) **BREAKING THE HABIT** T Easterby 9-7 ..... **Sean Kirrane —**
2 (5) 7 **DARRINGTON GOLF 17** T Easterby 9-7 ..... **Duran Fentiman 71**
3 (2) 6 **NATIONAL PRIDE 24** W Haggas 9-7 ..... **Cieren Fallon 88**
4 (3) 3 **PALACE LEGACY 19** J Tate 9-7 ..... **Connor Beasley 98**
5 (4) **STORMY WINTER** S bin Suroor 9-7 ..... **Clifford Lee —**
6 (7) 3 **WAAKABB 21** S & E Crisford 9-7 ..... **Jason Hart ●99**
7 (6) **A LA MONTAGNE** Sir M Prescott 9-2 ..... **Luke Morris —**

BETTING: 11-4 Palace Legacy, 3 Waakabb, 10-3 Stormy Winter, 4 A La Montagne, 15-2 National Pride, 20 Breaking The Habit, 50 Darrington Golf
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

2.45 HUGH JAMES CLASSIFIED STAKES (6); value to the winner £3,664; 7f. (7 runners)

1 (2) **5360901 ICONIC TIMES 5 (D)** J Candlish 4-10-0 ..... **Sean D Bowen ●99**
2 (6) -750489 **DUE RESPECT 6 (V;D)** G Rutherford 4-9-9 ..... **Clifford Lee 91**
3 (3) **023**7457 **RAIN CAP 9 (V;BF,CD)** J Riches 9-9-9 ..... **Ethan Tindall (5) 94**
4 (4) **86**-0323 **WAIT FOR IT 4 (BF)** L Bailey 4-9-9 ..... **Billy Garritty 96**
5 (1) 0530790 **WITHOUT DELAY 19 (V★;CD)** T Waggott 7-9-9 ..... **Connor Beasley 81**
6 (5) -779376 **ZIVA'S STAR 21** S Whitaker 4-9-9 ..... **Andrew Elliott 87**
7 (7) 77-0035 **OUR HERO MATTY 21** T Culhane & S Barclay 3-9-3 ..... **Barry McHugh 98**

BETTING: 9-4 Wait For It, 4 Iconic Times, Our Hero Matty, 5 Rain Cap, 7 Ziva's Star, 14 Due Respect, 20 Without Delay
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2
2025: Langholm 9-9-9 Connor Beasley 9-2 (M Dods) drawn 3, 11 ran.

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3.15 JACKY RYLANCE 60TH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (6) winner £4,187; 2m (9 run)

1 /9-094 **FREE WORLD 31**
(2) I Williams 5-9-9 ..... **Cieren Fallon 84**
Runs: 6 £2,162
No great promise three starts for this yard, first go at 2m, best watched

2 **27-450 KARTHALA J20**
(8) J Candlish 4-9-9 ..... **Sean D Bowen 86**
Runs: 9 Places: 2 £3,699
Only limited promise over hdles lately, mark dropping but it needs to

3 **-32**364 **FLEUR DE MER 26 (V★)**
(7) M Todhunter 6-9-6 ..... **Paul Mulrennan ●99**
Runs: 29 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 11 £31,384
More like it latest after Ayr blip, hcapper giving her a chance, shortlist

4 **-69365 ZEPHLYN J52 (CD)**
(4) E Whillans 7-9-5 ..... **Jason Hart 91**
Runs: 40 Wins: 5 (F,3A,G) Places: 7 £40,205
Decent record here, 7lb lower than latest win, shouldn't be far away

5 9444-**3 SLACK ALICE J36 (V)**
(9) M Bowen 5-8-13 ..... **Luke Morris 93**
Runs: 6 Places: 1 £2,317
In good form over hdles, looking for Flat breakthrough on handy mark, e-w

6 **988327 SPEECHMAN 4 (B,T★)**
(6) P Kirby 6-8-11 ..... **Cam Hardie 95**
Runs: 35 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 8 £87,160
Dual winner in France, needs step up on British efforts so far, chance

7 **-26**533 **LILLISTAR 16 (P★)**
(5) M Hammond 6-8-10 ..... **Aiden Brookes 97**
Runs: 20 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £11,024
Below par for a while and 1-33 overall record speaks volumes, squeak

8 **6-256**4 **STAR OF JUPITER 40 (B,E)**
(3) M Loughnane 5-8-9 ..... **Jack Nicholls (3) 88**
Runs: 21 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 4 £12,780
Another with poor strike-rate, has fallen out of love with the game, avoid

9 /**00-65 RULER OF THE RIVER 7**
(1) P Kirby 6-8-9 ..... **Barry McHugh 82**
Runs: 15 £1,363
First Flat run since last summer, been pointing without success, dismissed

BETTING: 11-4 Speechman, 10-3 Fleur De Mer, 4 Slack Alice, 6 Lillistar, 10 Free World, 12 Zephlyn, Star Of Jupiter, 20 Karthala, 25 Ruler Of The River
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3-4 7 3
2025: Sophar Sogood 8-9-9, C Beasley 9-1 (J Butler), drw 4, 7 ran.

3.45 HANNAH BLANCHARD 21ST BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (6) winner £4,004; 6f (8 run)

1 **06-231 CAPTAIN CESS 19**
(2) D Carroll 4-9-12 ..... **Zak Wheatley ●99**
Runs: 11 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 4 £9,379
Off mark at Thirsk (7f), drop back to 6f no issue, up 4lb but give good account

2 **210334 MISS RAINBOW 11 (V;C,D)**
(1) T Waggott 5-9-11 ..... **Connor Beasley 96**
Runs: 39 Wins: 5 (A,4G) Places: 11 £36,288
Respectable recent efforts, back on last winning mark, respected

3 082101 **BARMYBLADE 13 (CD)**
(8) T Easterby 4-9-10 ..... **Sean Kirrane 98**
Runs: 24 Wins: 5 (2F,3G) Places: 2 £22,928
Enjoyed easy lead to win C&D last month, 3lb rise fair, follow-up possible

4 010389 **LUCIUS AURELIUS 20 (C)**
(7) K Ryan 4-9-10 ..... **Jack Nicholls (3) 92**
Runs: 21 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 5 £15,441
Likes it here (albeit blew start latest), back on last winning mark, go close

5 **-14**886 **HOWZAK 13 (D)**
(4) L Bailey 8-9-10 ..... **Billy Garritty 82**
Runs: 41 Wins: 8 (F,7A) Places: 9 £39,171
Behind Barmy latest, gone off boil since Newc win in April, unlikely

6 235622 **CALL GLORY 14 (D)**
(6) I Williams 5-9-9 **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 96**
Runs: 52 Wins: 4 (F,3A) Places: 14 £64,446
Decent efforts last twice but little leeway in his mark, each-way claims

7 597-53 **ENJOY THE NIGHT 21**
(5) S Spencer 3-9-5 ..... **Shay Farmer (5) 93**
Runs: 6 Places: 1 £1,276
Ran out of gas at Beverley (7f), this trip better, mark not beyond him, sniff

8 222153 **BATTENBURG BELLE 9 (CD)**
(3) R Menzies 3-9-0 ..... **Jason Hart 95**
Runs: 12 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 5 £10,558
Breakthrough C&D win in June, no disgrace Ponte latest, go well again

BETTING: 3 Captain Cess, 7-2 Barmyblade, 4 Call Glory, 11-2 Miss Rainbow, Battenburg Belle, 8 Enjoy The Night, 25 Lucius Aurelius, 50 Howzak
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 1 1 3 1
2025: Dream Deal 6-9-6, D Allan 11-8 Fav (T Easterby), drw 2, 8 ran.

TEMPLEGATE

2.15.....Waakabb
2.45.....Our Hero Matty
3.15.....Slack Alice
3.45.....Barmyblade
4.15.....Hansteen
4.45.....Doralee

TOM PEPPER

2.15.....Stormy Winter
2.45.....Ziva's Star
3.15.....ZEPHLYN (nap)
3.45.....Enjoy The Night
4.15.....Hansteen
4.45.....Brain Freeze

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed oval course of 1m 180yds, races over 5f start on a chute, which bears left to join the round course 3f from home. ■DRAW: Low numbers have an advantage in races over five and seven furlongs, high best over six furlongs. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): T Easterby 55-460, J & S Quinn 14-100, D Carroll 13-96, M Dods 12-105. THIS SEASON: T Easterby 6, J Riches 3, J & S Quinn 2. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): J Hart 33-216, C Beasley 26-165, S B Kirrane 19-110, P Mulrennan 14-118. THIS SEASON: J Hart 5, J Nicholls 5, C Lee 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Slack Alice (3.15) trained at Haverfordwest. Round trip of 590 miles. ■TRAINERFAX: T Easterby won the 3.45 in 2023 and 2025. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■JACKPOT: Races 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

4.15 RACINGTV.COM HANDICAP (6) value to the winner £4,004; 1m 4f (8 runners)

1 **60-757 BRUNELLO BREEZE 146 (D)**
(7) L Bailey 7-10-0 ..... **Billy Garritty 84**
Runs: 31 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 3 £15,279
Been a while since he's shown much spark, down weights but more needed

2 395520 **ON THE BUBBLE 15**
(4) G Rutherford 5-9-7 ..... **Clifford Lee 93**
Runs: 34 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 4 £17,650
Suspicion 10f is her ideal trip, poor strike-rate but has e-w possibilities

3 **988 HALIMEDE 47**
(8) Sir M Prescott 3-9-6 ..... **Luke Morris 87**
Runs: 3 £0
Huge prices all starts, now steps up in trip on hcap bow for shrewd yard, threat

4 8-021**2 HANSTEEN 12 (BF,D)**
(1) J & S Quinn 3-9-5 ..... **Jason Hart ●99**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £6,841
Easy Ponte winner but odds-on second AW latest, worth another chance

5 344332 **MUHIB 18**
(6) O Williams 5-9-3 . **Warren Fentiman (3) 97**
Runs: 27 Places: 4 £9,955
0-27 but not for want of trying, definitely has a race in him if not this one

6 **823853 PROJECT KINSMAN 13**
(5) P Kirby 3-8-7 ..... **Cam Hardie 91**
Runs: 8 Places: 2 £3,332
Not disgraced here last month but didn't look winning in waiting either

7 **85608 N'ION 12**
(3) I Williams 3-8-6 ..... **Shay Farmer (5) 79**
Runs: 5
Behind Hansteen at Sthwell latest, shown little in way of ability so far, left

8 **0786 SPIRIT OF TOKYO 13**
(2) P Kirby 3-8-6 ..... **Aiden Brookes 70**
Runs: 4
Trounced all starts, incl. hcap bow over C&D last month, little to enthuse over

BETTING: 11-10 Hansteen, 3 Halimede, 5 Muhib, 11 Project Kinsman, 14 On The Bubble, Brunello Breeze, 25 N'ion, 50 Spirit Of Tokyo
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 2 3 1 1
2025: Inspiring Speeches 4-9-1, T Kiely-Marshall 5-4 Fav (S Ender), drw 7, 6 ran.

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BRUNELLO BREEZE (9-8) 18-1 slowly away, soon in mid-division, pushed along 3f out, no progress, 7th of 9 (btn 6¼l) to Star Cast (9-7) (Newcastle 1¼m hcap (6) £3,140 AW).
ON THE BUBBLE (8-7) 18-1 led, pushed along when headed over 3f out, weakened over 1f out, last of 10 (btn 8¾l) to Phantom Shadow (9-3) (Ayr 1¼m hcap (6) £3,664 good to firm).
HALIMEDE (8-6) 300-1 took keen hold, ran green in rear, hung left when ridden over 1f out, never dangerous, 8th of 13 (btn 13l) to Centigrade (10-7) (Southwell 1m nov (4) £5,400 AW).
HANSTEEN (9-8) 8-15 fav led, ridden over 2f out, headed final furlong, kept on, well held post, btn 1¼l by Si White (9-7) **N'ION** (9-0) 100-1 midfield, ridden over 3f out, soon no extra, 8th (btn 9¼l) (10 ran) (Southwell 1m 3f hcap (6) £3,664 AW).
HANSTEEN (8-12) 5-6 fav made all, rider dropped whip approaching 110yds out, ran on well, easily, bt **MUHIB** (9-6) 4-1 handy, pushed along 3f out, no match for facile winner, 8l (7 ran) (Pontefract 1¼m (6) £3,402 good to firm).
PROJECT KINSMAN (9-3) 28-1 fly jumped start, took keen hold, held up in midfield, ridden 4f out, went fourth over 2f out, minor headway final furlong, went third towards finish, 3rd of 7 (btn 11l) to Sound Gloria (9-9) **SPIRIT OF TOKYO** (9-2) 100-1 went slightly left start, took keen hold, always behind, 6th (well btn) (Catterick 1¼m hcap (6) £3,664 good to firm).

4.45 RACING AGAIN 17TH AUGUST HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £4,004; 5f. (7 runners)

1 (5) -374776 **WITHOUT FLAW 7 (D)** T Jackson 5-9-9 ..... **Warren Fentiman (3) 92**
2 (3) 0513655 **BRAIN FREEZE 8 (V★;D)** M Dods 3-9-5 ..... **Connor Beasley 89**
3 (1) 3369442 **DORALEE 8 (D)** D & N Barron 5-9-3 ..... **Jason Hart ●99**
4 (7) 8433213 **HAVIN A FLYER 5 (BF,D)** R Menzies 3-9-3 ..... **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 95**
5 (2) -834679 **GWEN TENNYSON 11** G Tutty 3-9-2 ..... **William Pyle 83**
6 (6) 708 **MIMIME 14** M Appleby 3-9-1 ..... **Conor Whiteley (5) 78**
7 (4) -906736 **DUNNINGTON LAD 8 (V★;CD)** P Winks 6-9-1 ..... **Shay Farmer (5) 91**

BETTING: 6-5 Doralee, 11-4 Havin A Flyer, 7 Dunnington Lad, 10 Without Flaw, 11 Brain Freeze, 20 Mimime, Gwen Tennyson
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 3 1 4-5 1
2025: Happier 5-9-9 David Allan 15-8 Fav (T Easterby) drawn 2, 6 ran.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

DOG TIPS AND RETURNS

SELECTIONS

■**SHEFFIELD: 11.01 Slippy Falcon (nap) (4-6-1) 11.18 Wholovesye (2-6-5) 11.34 Drumdoit Juniper (5-1-4) 11.52 Russanda Sox (5-2-1) 12.09 Monagore Bill (5-6-4) 12.26 Priceless Juliet (6-5-2) 12.42 Windgap Frost (5-1-6) 12.59 Signature Lee (2-3-4) 1.17 No Small Talk (nb) (1-3-2) 1.33 Cloondarone Hope (3-1-4) 1.51 Dip Yer Bread (1-3-4) 2.07 Jacobs Charm (4-1-5)**
■**NEWCASTLE: 11.09 Medusa (4-5-2) 11.27 A Bit Ofa Bump (nap) (2-5-1) 11.43 Munoz Onthe Kop (4-1-5) 12.01 A Bit Of Hunter (5-4-6) 12.18 Charlies Top Gun (5-3-6) 12.34 Drumcrow Wanda (4-6-2) 12.51 Solway Ernie (nb) (6-1-4) 1.08 Dromana Kranky (6-3-2) 1.26 Whitehills Ted (2-4-5) 1.42 Alnwick Teeny (2-1-5) 1.59 Trevorfoot (3-1-5) 2.14 Coppice Sioux (4-5-1)**
■**MONMORE: 2.31 Aero Mistake (nap) (1-5-2) 2.49 Thirty Seconds (5-3-2) 3.09 Orbsen Daisy (nb) (2-6-4) 3.27 Ballymac Babe (2-3-6) 3.47 Union Finale (3-6-2) 4.04 Flyhigh Ernie (1-5-4) 4.24 Whisky On Fire (3-2-4) 4.42 Winterfield Rain (4-5-1) 5.01 Emers Lola (4-6-1) 5.19 Yama Beauty (1-3-5) 5.37 Aero Whisper (6-4-2) 5.57 Coologue Molly (4-3-6)**

RETURNS

■**DUNSTALL PARK: 11.01 Fast Walk 13-8f (5-4-3 BAGS F £5.47). 11.18 Magical Sonny 5-1 (4-5-6 £30.02 TC £82.67). 11.34 Knock Voodoo 7-1 (6-2-1 £39.13 TC £132.32). 11.52 Devilgate Joe 9-2 (5-1-6 £24.01 TC £108.15). 12.09 Ivy Hill Archie 11-4 (2-4-1 £12.85). 12.26 Lynnia Murphy 7-4f (5-3-1 £6.07). 12.42 Kilwest Ruby 5-6f (3-4-5 £4.34 TC £17.24). 12.59 Tea and Toast 5-1 (6-5-2 £40.09 TC £89.98). 1.17 Kash Ching 6-5f (1-6-5 £4.22). 1.33 Swift Vein 8-15f (3-5-6 £3.80 TC £17.41). 1.51 Strictly Rosey 7-4 (1-4-6 £33.60 TC £115.80). 2.07 Lynnia St David 6-4f (2-1-6 £13.23 TC £68.51).**
■**MONMORE: 2.23 Moss King 6-5f (2-4-5 BAGS F £5.34 TC £48.23). 2.41 Afternoondelight 7-2 (4-3-6 £30.21 TC £80.77). 3.01 Amka Raven 8-1 (3-2-5 £29.53 TC £106.71). 3.19 Vixons Cruise 8-15f (2-1-6 £3.42 TC £7.66). 3.38 Yama King 5-2 (6-4-1 £7.69 TC £10.44). 3.57 Catchem Flawless 5-2 (4-1-6 £4.76). 4.16 Madabout Racer 15-8 (1-2-3 £15.69). 4.34 Downmexicoway 5-2 (5-2-6 £43.71 TC £183.93). 4.53 Aero Sally 5-2 (2-1-4 £9.63). 5.12 Darley Digger 16-1 (3-2-4 £48.55).**

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5.18.....Sub Thirteen	5.18.....Penfolds Grange
5.48.....Langdale Lass	5.48.....West To Rest
6.18.....Minnal	6.18.....You Name It
6.48.....Style King	6.48.....Elvetham
7.18.....Tabasko	7.18.....Taritino
7.48.....Hope Rising	7.48.....Douglas Dc
8.18..D Day Major Winter	8.18.....Monks Mead

■TIC-TAC: (AW) Left-handed all-weather Polytrack of 1m 2f, 2f run-in. (Turf) Left-handed undulating course of 1m 4f, 3f run-in, races up to 7f are run on the straight course. ■DRAW: Little effect. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): A Carroll 71-626, A Watson 43-289, R Hughes 41-290, S Dow 37-343. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 19, James Owen 14, J Boyle 7. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): J Mitchell 67-336, R Havlin 61-370, P Bradley 48-445, M Ghiani 42-251. THIS SEASON: J Callan 10, M Ghiani 8, P Bradley 8. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Wild Orchid (5,48). Round trip of 540 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Jubilee Time (8.18). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

5.18 ATTHERACES.COM/MARKETMOVERS APPRENTICE HANDICAP (Class 5); winner £3,978; 7f. (11 runners)

1 (9) 2165-25 **SAHANA 39 (CD)** D Simcock 4-9-12 ..... **Taryn Langley (3) 94**
2 (5) 354-562 **MISTER MOJITO 18 (CD)** T Kent 5-9-11 ..... **Jack Callan ●99**
3 (8) 2-44232 **ROGUE DYNASTY 12 (D)** J Owen 4-9-10 ..... **Mason Paetel 95**
4 (2) -422639 **PENFOLDS GRANGE 19** M Pattinson 4-9-10 ..... **Alfie Redman (7) 94**
5 (4) 25729-9 **OPTIMATUM 82** B Millman 4-9-9 ..... **Charlie Tucker (7) 88**
6 (3) 52-4474 **DAISY ROOTS 36 (C,D)** J Boyle 6-9-8 ..... **Donagh Murphy (5) 93**
7 (10) 1/2-006 **DANCING TERROR 98 (CD)** S Cassidy 4-9-7 ..... **Liam Wright 85**
8 (7) 609-972 **MAJESTIC WAVE 22** S Dow 4-9-4 ..... **James Glennon (7) 97**
9 (1) 1535656 **DANDY KHAN 13 (CD)** J Boyle 4-9-2 ..... **Ashley Lewis 91**
10 (6) 6620832 **SUB THIRTEEN 27** J Scott 5-8-11 ..... **Olivia Tubb (3) 96**
11 (11) 7-14863 **ASHFORD HILL 64 (CD)** D F Davis 5-8-7 ..... **Isobelle Chalmers (7) 92**

BETTING: 7-2 Mister Mojito, 4 Sub Thirteen, 9-2 Rogue Dynasty, 13-2 Majestic Wave
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding meeting.

5.48 SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (DIV 1) (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,940; 7f. (10 run)

1 (2) 66R **DUN EIDEANN 45** T Dascombe 9-2 ..... **Pierre Jamin 73**
2 (1) 6004593 **FORTUNATE 10** E J-Houghton 9-2 ..... **Oliver Carmichael (7) 88**
3 (6) 2 **LANGDALE LASS 20** D Simcock 9-2 ..... **Jack Mitchell ●99**
4 (5) 0 **LUNAR BLOSSOM 17** W Knight 9-2 ..... **Marco Ghiani 70**
5 (7) **MYSTIC UNICORN** M Keady 9-2 ..... **Darragh Keenan —**
6 (10) 8 **POLGARIA 53** R Teal 9-2 ..... **Harry Davies 74**
7 (9) 086 **SPARKLING JEM 36** R Cook & J Bridger 9-2 ..... **Mason Paetel (5) 70**
8 (4) 7 **STEAMY WONDER 12** D Cunha 9-2 ..... **Stevie Donohoe 71**
9 (3) **WEST TO REST** E Dunlop 9-2 ..... **Robert Havlin —**
10 (8) 4 **WILD ORCHID 10** C Johnston 9-2 ..... **Jack Callan (3) 89**

BETTING: 7-4 Langdale Lass, 16 Fortunate, 25 West To Rest, 33 Wild Orchid, Mystic Unicorn, 50 Lunar Blossom, Steamy Wonder, 66 Polgaria, Dun Eideann

6.18 SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (DIV 2) (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,940; 7f. (9 run)

1 (9) **HIGHLAND GREY** R Teal 9-2 ..... **Jack Mitchell —**
2 (5) 6252 **JAZZY BLUE 14** C Fellowes 9-2 ..... **Paddy Bradley 97**
3 (1) 532 **LUSHILL 27** J Moore 9-2 ..... **Taylor Fisher 96**
4 (8) 64 **MINNAL 26** D Simcock 9-2 ..... **Marco Ghiani ●99**
5 (2) 56 **POTTERS MARGOT 17** M Crawley 9-2 ..... **Paddy Bradley 89**
6 (7) **REVIENS DEMAIN** J Portman 9-2 ..... **Rob Hornby —**
7 (4) **SILVERELLA** M Tregoning 9-2 ..... **Jason Watson —**
8 (3) 9 **SPEAR OF ARTEMIS 92** D Cunha 9-2 ..... **Taryn Langley (5) 70**
9 (6) **YOU NAME IT** R Hughes 9-2 ..... **Tyler Heard —**

BETTING: 11-10 Jazzy Blue, 10-3 Lushill, 5 Minnal, 11 Potters Margot, You Name It, 16 Highland Grey, 25 Reviens Demain, Silverella, 66 Spear Of Artemis

6.48 JOHN CUNLIFFE OBF 80TH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,245; 6f. (12 runners)

1 (4) 2622886 **REPOSADO 32** D Cunha 4-9-9 ..... **Stevie Donohoe 86**
2 (12) 07-6390 **EXPRESS TRAIN 33 (D)** R Phillips 4-9-7 ..... **Robert Havlin 87**
3 (10) 9268531 **STYLE KING 29 (CD)** C Dwyer 4-9-7 ..... **Marco Ghiani ●99**
4 (7) -690526 **FEDERAL ENVOY 33 (BF)** C Clover 5-9-7 ..... **Darragh Keenan 93**
5 (2) 3231980 **TWILIGHT MADNESS 18 (CD)** S Hodgson 8-9-7 ..... **Charlie Tucker (7) 85**
6 (1) 3758R15 **JUST JUMP 33 (BF)** A Carroll 4-9-6 ..... **Ashley Lewis (3) 95**
7 (5) 0844057 **HAVANA SKY 22 (V;CD)** E Dunlop 5-9-6 ..... **Jason Watson 87**
8 (3) -142388 **PHOENIX MOON 12 (CD)** D Coakley 5-9-5 ..... **Rob Hornby 91**
9 (9) 06-7648 **BALON D'OR 26 (D)** S Dow 5-9-4 ..... **Paddy Bradley 87**
10 (8) 3332038 **ELVETHAM 5 (B;CD)** C Allen 4-9-2 ..... **Jack Gilligan 94**
11 (11) 2187035 **MASTER DANDY 14 (B;CD)** M Keady 6-9-1 ..... non-runner 93
12 (6) 5068519 **VITALLINE 30 (B;C,D)** Kieran Burke 8-8-10 ..... **Josephine Gordon 90**

BETTING: 2 Style King, 6 Just Jump, Federal Envoy, 8 Elvetham, 10 Havana Sky, 12 Phoenix Moon, 14 Balon D'or

7.18 COMPARISON GAMBLING.COM HANDICAP (4) winner £5,339; 1m 6f (4 runners)

1 9714-0 **SCARLET MOON 95 (D)**
(2) A Watson 4-10-2 ..... **Pierre Jamin 87**
Runs: 11 Wins: 4 (3A,G) £23,788
In decent form over hdles, better than Flat return at Goodwood, squeak

2 1-1343 **RUSSIAN RUMOUR 42 (C,D)**
(4) J Portman 9-10-0 ..... **Olivia Tubb (5) 95**
Runs: 54 Wins: 9 (3S,2A,2F,2G) Places: 11 £71,352
Winner at Nottm on return but well beaten last twice, in hcapper's grip

3 8-2114 **TARITINO 10 (D)**
(1) J Tickle 6-9-13 ..... **Taylor Fisher 97**
Runs: 32 Wins: 6 (3F,GS,2G) Places: 5 £44,104
Hat-trick bid thwarted at Ascot, new mark makes it tough but respected

4 44-522 **TABASKO 17 (BF)**
(3) E Walker 3-8-13 ..... **Ashley Lewis (3) ●99**
Runs: 7 Places: 1 £8,000
Little wrong with last two efforts, rider's claim a bonus here, one to beat

BETTING: Evs Tabasko, 2 Taritino, 8 Russian Rumour, 10 Scarlet Moon

7.48 BEST BETTING SITES AT GAMBLING.COM HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,245; 1m 4f. (7 runners)

1 (1) 77660/4 **HOPE RISING 20** J Snowden 5-9-9 ..... **Rob Hornby 97**
2 (5) 0980-66 **BOSTON RUN 19** S Dow 4-9-9 ..... **Paddy Bradley 89**
3 (6) 930-332 **KOKO BLUE 12** T Clover 4-9-7 ..... **Jack Mitchell 98**
4 (2) 3525814 **GEARING'S POINT 34 (D)** S West 8-9-4 ..... **George Bass ●99**
5 (3) 57-9755 **DOUGLAS DC 22 (B)** A Carroll 8-9-2 ..... **Marco Ghiani 91**
6 (7) 2467476 **PABLO PRINCE 22 (D)** K Jewell 8-9-1 ..... **Robert Havlin 90**
7 (4) 80-6758 **LAMLASH 52** J Tickle 4-9-0 ..... **Taylor Fisher 75**

BETTING: 13-8 Koko Blue, 5-2 Hope Rising, 3 Gearing's Point, 7 Douglas Dc, 16 Boston Run, 25 Pablo Prince, 66 Lamlash

8.18 DOWNLOAD THE AT THE RACES APP HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,245; 1m 1f. (6 runners)

1 (6) 6730599 **AMBER HONEY 44 (B;D)** P Phelan 4-9-9 ..... **Paddy Bradley 91**
2 (4) 50/7283 **GERT LUSH 21 (D)** R Teal 9-9-7 ..... **Gina Mangan ●99**
3 (1) 7-00562 **OFFIAH'S BOY 4 (C)** J Tickle 5-9-7 ..... **Taylor Fisher 98**
4 (3) 4328304 **MONKS MEAD 22 (C)** M Usher 5-9-2 ..... **George Bass 97**
5 (5) 8287-68 **D DAY MAJOR WINTER 27 (H)** J Owen 4-9-1 ..... **Harry Davies 88**
6 (2) 8390 **JUBILEE TIME 89** M Usher 4-9-1 ..... **Tyler Heard 85**

BETTING: 6-4 Offiah's Boy, 13-8 Gert Lush, 5 Monks Mead, 10 D Day Major Winter, 16 Amber Honey, 33 Jubilee Time

THE EYE CATCHER

WELCOME to this weekly column by TEMPLEGATE (Steve Mullen) where he pinpoints horses to follow from the past week or two and takes a first look at big races to come. Let's give the bookies a right good kicking!

LEXINGTON BLITZ (Goodwood, Tuesday)

ROBERT Cowell's four-year-old is having an excellent campaign and did well to finish sixth in this hot handicap after missing the kick. He then stumbled early on and was blocked a couple of times when making his run. Then came a switch before he picked up nicely. A fairer track will see him back in front soon before his mark hits three figures and Pattern races await.

NANINO NIYATI (Goodwood, Tuesday)

THE notorious Goodwood camber cost Owen Burrows' (*right*) filly who ran around a bit before hitting top speed. Once all four legs were in tandem, she zoomed home to be denied just a nose. The was as hot a fillies' handicap as you'll see and her winning turn won't be long in coming.

HATTEEN (Goodwood, Wednesday)

ENOUGH has been said of Oisin Murphy's meek performance in the stewards' room after Andrew Balding's three-year-old was leant on right up the final furlong. That stopped Murphy properly pushing Hatteen (*left*) out and this should be counted as a win. Tierra Del Toro finished strongly too after being outpaced and can prosper over staying distances.

HARMONICS (Goodwood, Thursday)

JOHN Gosden's (*right*) three-year-old got more doors slammed in his face than a double-glazing salesman over 1m2f trip. Shane Foley wasn't able to settle him properly and he was still tanking into final quarter-mile when the traffic problems started. He was switched and then snatched up a couple of times and still finished fifth. Keep an eye out for him in handicaps around this trip as he's on a good mark.

VALIANCY (Goodwood, Friday)

JAMES Doyle (*below*) quite possibly knew he was on a doubtful stayer for William Haggas in the 2m4f marathon but he would have had to be the second coming of Dancing Brave and Shergar to win after being asked to come from somewhere near Gatwick Airport to win. A drop in trip will help his chances greatly.

MITBAAHY (Goodwood, Saturday)

THIS was an impressive effort to 'win' on his side of the track in the Stewards' Cup but he had to settle for third overall. He had plenty of ground to make up in the final couple of furlongs too and being a bit closer would have helped. He still has a big win in him at the age of seven.

RACING RESULTS ROUND-UP FROM YESTERDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS

NOTTINGHAM

Going: Good to firm-good in places

2.40: 1 QUISANA C Bishop (7-1); **2 Moonlit Surf** (evens fav); **3 Aura Champagne** (11-8). 5 ran. nk; 8l. E J-Houghton. T: £8; £2, £1.20. Ex: £14.10. Trifecta: £15.80. CF: £14.24. NR: Yimmna.

3.10: 1 LOLA DE VALENCE L Edmunds (5-1); **2 Lady Leora** (5-6 fav); **3 Harlequin Gift** (20-1). 7 ran. 4½l; hd. B Millman. T: £6; £2.40, £1.30. Ex: £12.50. Trifecta: £53.60. CF: £9.42.

3.40: 1 MOBADIR K Shoemark (6-5 fav); **2 Leucothea** (8-1); **3 Star People** (4-1). 7 ran. nk; ½l. E Walker. T: £2.20; £1.40, £3.20. Ex: £10.20. Trifecta: £41.50. CF: £11.80.

4.10: 1 SERGEANT MAYER F McManoman (15-8 fav); **2 Hurt You Never** (7-2); **3 Little Jaybee** (5-1). 5 ran. nk; 2½l. N Tinkler. T: £2.80; £1.40, £1.90. Ex: £7.70. Trifecta: £28.20. CF: £8.84. NR: Up The Monk.

4.40: 1 DEL CORSO K Shoemark (1-2 fav); **2 Sedeirah** (3-1); **3 Dawn Of Liberation** (6-1). 4 ran. 3½l; 6l. E Walker. T: £1.50; Ex: £2.30. Trifecta: £2.80. CF: £2.32.

5.10: 1 VENETIAN LION T Marquand (5-6 fav); **2 Pretty Spirited** (20-1); **3 Theme Park** (9-4). 5 ran. 2½l; 1½l. W Haggas. T: £1.84; £1.20, £5.90. Ex: £14.90. Trifecta: £39.80. CF: £17.95. NR: G'Emmethegreenlite.

JACKPOT: £1,831.50
PLACEPOT: £16.90
QUADPOT: £7.20

RIPON

Going: Good-good to firm in places

2.24: 1 REFLECT ON GLORY C Lee (7-2); **2 The Mean Fiddler** (5-4 fav); **3 War Gaming** (7-4). 4 ran. ¾l; 6½l. K R Burke. T: £4.50; Ex: £7. Trifecta: £9.20. CF: £8.20.

2.54: 1 ALL GOOD T Kiely-Marshall (28-1); **2 Royale Union** (15-8); **3 Secret Harvest** (7-1). 6 ran (Queen Sana 8-13 fav). shd; 6½l. J Camacho. T: £29; £5.90, £1.10. Ex: £78.30. Trifecta: £270.80. CF: £82.20.

3.24: 1 ANGEL NUMBERS JP Sullivan (13-8 fav); **2 Marajito** (5-1); **3 Creative Queen** (7-2). 5 ran. 2½l; 1l. R Carr. T: £2.63; £1.10, £2.40. Ex: £9.10. Trifecta: £25.80. CF: £9.82.

3.54: 1 LORD ROXBY A Jary (11-4); **2 Dark Cloud Rising** (15-8 fav); **3 Commanche Falls** (5-1). 7 ran. 1½l; ns. N Tinkler. T: £3.75; £1.40, £1.80. Ex: £9.10. Trifecta: £45.30. CF: £8.58.

4.24: 1 POET'S DAWN S B Kirrane (2-1); **2 Polygram** (7-4 fav); **3 His Finest Hour** (12-1). 5 ran. nk; 2½l. T Easterby. T: £3; £3, £1.10. Ex: £7. Trifecta: £28.10. CF: £5.96.

4.54: 1 AMBER HAMUR C Beasley (2-1 fav); **2 Hey Havana** (5-2); **3 Vega's Virtue** (10-3). 7 ran. 1½l; nk. E Bethell. T: £3.10; £2.80, £1.40. Ex: £7.70. Tricast: £14.71. Trifecta: £19.70. CF: £7.27. NR: Dacres Cross.

PLACEPOT: £80.80
QUADPOT: £3.90

WINDSOR

Going: Good to firm

6.00: 1 I'D GO MANIAC Miss Georgia King (11-4 fav); **2 Wrist Art** (17-2); **3 Jodhpur Blue** (6-1). 8 ran. 2½l; 1½l. A King. T: £3.75; £1.50, £2.70, £2.30. Ex: £24.20. Tricast: £131.95. Trifecta: £162.20. CF: £27.63.

6.30: 1 STAR BAYSIDE BOY R Hornby (16-1); **2 Rocsane** (6-5 fav); **3 Proper Naughty** (10-3). 6 ran. nk; nk. M Tregoning. T: £17; £4.50, £1.30. Ex: £38.20. Trifecta: £94. CF: £36.59. NR: Decem Carolinae.

7.00: 1 ARDNAMURCHAN N Currie (9-2); **2 Pilgrim's Progress** (9-4); **3 Night Shining** (4-5 fav). 6 ran. hd; ¾l. H Candy. T: £5.50; £2.10, £1.40. Ex: £17.70. Trifecta: £20.70. CF: £15.18. NR: Gris De Chine, Livvys Edge.

7.30: 1 SAUCY JANE G Wood (5-2); **2 Havana Halo** (7-2); **3 Lahina Bay** (6-4 fav). 5 ran. 2¾l; 1½l. Jack Morland. T: £3.50; £1.50, £1.90. Ex: £5.20. Trifecta: £22.20. CF: £11.53.

8.00: 1 LETSBEATSEPSIS R Clutterbuck (11-4); **2 Freedom Bay** (5-1); **3 Panthere Noir** (5-2 fav). 11 ran. 1½l; 1½l. G & J Moore. T: £3.75; £1.70, £2, £1.10. Ex: £22.80. Trifecta: £46.60. CF: £16.58. NR: Tiger Beetle.

8.30: 1 FLAG CARRIER O Murphy (9-2); **2 Chilly Breeze** (6-5 fav); **3 Havana Club** (13-2). 7 ran. 1½l; 1½l. Brian Toomey. T: £6.10; £2.60, £1.60. Ex: £16.20. Tricast: £34.28. Trifecta: £51.20. CF: £10.53. NR: Benavente, Dark Rosa.

PLACEPOT: £30.50
QUADPOT: £6.80

CORK

Going: Good

2.30: 1 EASTER BONNET B Hayes (6-1); **2 Fraher Field** (12-1); **3 Emerald Enigma** (4-6 fav); **4 Kaleo Ametsa** (15-2). 18 ran. 8½l; 3½l; ½l. W P Mullins. T: £9.90; €2, €2.80, €1.10. Ex: €98.70. Trifecta: €398.20. CF: €83.38. NR: Sea Limit, Thelittleredfox.

3.00: 1 GINO BELLA Mr Alan O'Sullivan (10-3 jtfav); **2 Metamorpheus** (10-3 jtfav); **3 Midnight Eagle** (10-1). 11 ran. 1½l; 4½l. P T Foley. T: €4.34; €1.30, €1.60, €2.90. Ex: €19.10. Tricast: €105.04. Trifecta: €283.40. CF: €15.99. NR: Dairy Force.

3.30: 1 INA MINA J Shinnick (11-2); **2 Syosset** (7-1); **3 Leo Messy** (9-1); **4 Redcliff Glen** (6-1). 16 ran (Maxicourt 2-1 fav). 3l; 4¾l; shd. T O'Brien. T: €8.40; €2.40, €1.40, €2.60, €1.80. Ex: €33.70. Tricast: €364.75. Trifecta: €823. CF: €48.85. NR: Malbas, Space Warrior, Who's Da Goose.

4.00: 1 CHESTERBAYLAD Josh Williamson (6-1); **2 Surviving Murmansk** (33-1); **3 Uptaurintop** (11-2); **4 Inches Away** (11-1). 16 ran (Toon Town 4-1 fav). 3¾l; 3¾l; 2¾l. Ms Helen P Markham. T: €7.20; €1.50, €2.90, €2.10, €5.10. Ex: €262.90. Tricast: €1197.26. Trifecta: €894.80. CF: €208.15. NR: Eaglewood, Lady Victrix.

4.30: 1 LIVIO Sean Cleary-Farrell (evens fav); **2 Eye Contact** (7-1); **3 The Monkey Pole** (28-1); **4 Master Sydney** (13-2). 18 ran. 5l; 18l; 20l. W P Mullins. T: €2; €1.20, €2, €4.60. Ex: €10.40. Trifecta: €140.70. CF: €10.11. NR: Champagne Diamond, Majestic Horizon, Vargas.

5.00: 1 O'GRADY CRACKER J J Slevin (6-4 fav); **2 Diamond Tipp** (12-1); **3 Inthenickoftime** (8-1); **4 Miners Bridge** (16-1). 18 ran. 8l; 1½l; 23l. A Slattery. T: €2.50; €1.20, €3.50, €2.20, €3.50. Ex: €34. Tricast: €136.81. Trifecta: €193.70. CF: €22.06. NR: Ballyminnion Boy, Imperial Miss, Jupiter Du Gite.

5.30: 1 GREEN STYLE Mr P W Mullins (10-11 fav); **2 Red Shea** (25-1); **3 S T Hamo** (33-1); **4 Cloudy Rosie** (13-2). 17 ran. 9l; 7l; 7l. W P Mullins. T: £1.91; €1.10, €6.30, €7.50. Ex: €30.30. Trifecta: €800.90. CF: €39.27.

PLACEPOT: €39

NAAS

Going: Good-good to firm in places

2.17: 1 LIKEDBYMIKE J M Sheridan (4-9 fav); **2 Focaccia** (13-2); **3 Port Arthur** (18-1). 5 ran. 2l; 2½l. M J Byrne. T: €1.45; €1.10, €2.20. Ex: €3.20. Trifecta: €16.90. CF: €4.27. NR: Bear On The Run.

2.47: 1 RED EVOLUTION D Browne McMonagle (9-2); **2 Gotta Catch'em All** (10-3 fav); **3 Gavoo** (7-2). 11 ran. ½l; 1½l. M O'Callaghan. T: €5.50; €1.50, €2.90, €1.50. Ex: €19. Tricast: €60.54. Trifecta: €106.10. CF: €20.52.

3.17: 1 DANDY LAND Paddy Harnett (15-2); **2 Steel Magnolia** (5-1); **3 Step Back In Time** (18-1). 15 ran (Jackandthefox 4-1 fav). 1½l; hd. W McCreery. T: €8.50; €1.30, €2.90, €7.70. Ex: €35.40. Tricast: €684.89. Trifecta: €1116.20. CF: €45.34.

3.47: 1 ZHELEZNAYA DAMA R P Cleary (12-1); **2 Bear Right** (4-1 fav); **3 Profit Surge** (7-1); **4 Lough Leane** (11-1). 16 ran. nk; ½l; ¾l. B Duke. T: €17; €3.50, €1.40, €1.80, €4.20. Ex: €107.80. Tricast: €389.61. Trifecta: €660.20. CF: €65.05. NR: Miss Ivor, Mo Anam Chara, Summer Snow.

4.17: 1 DIAMOND EXCHANGE S Foley (17-2); **2 Nakasero** (8-1); **3 Pavilion End** (22-1). 11 ran (My Girl Grace 7-2 fav). hd; ½l. J Harrington. T: €10; €2.90, €2.10, €5.30. Ex: €78.90. Tricast: €1473.36. Trifecta: €2228.40. CF: €77.24.

4.47: 1 LIVENKA C T Keane (4-6 fav); **2 Maeda Matsu** (100-1); **3 South Dakota** (7-2). 11 ran. 3½l; 1¾l. G M Lyons. T: €1.67; €1.10, €16.20, €1.20. Ex: €56.60. Trifecta: €413.60. CF: €146.94. NR: Eighteenth Smiles.

5.20: 1 NEVER THE SAME D Browne McMonagle (3-1); **2 Nautic Star** (2-1 fav); **3 Xirivella** (40-1); **4 Acula** (8-1). 17 ran. ½l; ¾l; ½l. J P O'Brien. T: €4; €1.50, €1.20, €7. Ex: €12.20. Trifecta: €201.10. CF: €10.36. NR: Shelton Spring.

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